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Letters Sent to

Miscellaneous Recipients

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January 2, 1918.

American Metals Company, Ltd.,
61 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 31st ultimo I beg to advise you that the announcement by the Attorney General's Office that all price fixing would cease after the first of the year, will have no effect upon the provisions of the Pittman Act which fixed the price of silver at $1.00 per ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 2, 1918.

Hon. C. A. Uruela,
Envoy Extraordinary and
Minister Plenipotentiary,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to the copy of letter from the Consul General of Colombia, addressed to you under date of December 17th, relative to the preparation of dies collars and punches needed by your Government to be used in connection with coinage operations, I beg to advise you that the articles named will be completed and ready for shipment within two weeks from this date.

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia states that the dies for the Condor have been approved, and he wishes to be advised if the sample of the 1/2 and 1/4 Condor should be submitted for approval before making the working dies. Will you please inform me of your wishes in this regard.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 2, 1919.

Messrs. Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith the account of the American Railway Express, amounting to $12,699.37, covering charges on shipment of December 13th from Philadelphia to San Francisco, consisting of silver bullion valued at $1,646,667.26. Will you please place the account in line for adjustment.

Respectfully,

R. P. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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AMERICAN RAILWAY EXPRESS CO.
WASHINGTON, D.C

Silver Bullion December, 8

12-11 Philadelphia,Pa.San Fran.Calif. 1642867.26 7.73 12699.37

1984 Silver bars,

Consigned to

Peninsular & Oriental S.S.Co.

Agent for Secretary of State for India

1,642,867.26 12699.37

AMERICAN RAILWAY EXPRESS CO.

General Agent

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January 3, 1919.

The Librarian of Congress,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the copy of ARCHIVES NEERLANDAISES desSCIENCES which you kindly lent for official use in this Bureau.

Thanking you for your courtesy, I am

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

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January 3, 1919.

Messrs. Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 30th ultimo relative to receipts for payments of accounts, I beg to say that the receipt for $5,238.28 was mailed to you on the same day upon which you wrote to this Office, and I trust the acknowledgement has reached you by this time. The receipt for $1.55, paid to the Express Company, I shall try to mail to you within a day or two, as the attention of the Company has been called to the non-receipt of the same.

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has to-day been instructed to advise you directly in regard to the number of bars in the shipments of silver now in transit.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 3, 1919.

Dear Mr. Brush:

Referring to your letter of the 16th of December, relative to proposed coinage for the Government of Mexico, I beg to advise you that the subject was brought to the attention of the State Department and I am to-day informed that the Acting Secretary of State has communicated with you. If I can be of further assistance in the matter please let me hear from you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Mr. Edward Brush,
Vice President,
American Smelting & Refining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

M. McReilly

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M. M. O'Reilly

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Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

M. M. O'Reilly

January 6, 1919.

American Metal Company,
61 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Please advise this Bureau, not later than Wednesday the 8th instant, of the rate at which you will supply to the Mint at Denver 40 tons of electrolytic copper for minor coinage. In making quotation please include cost of freight and delivery to the Mint building.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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January 6, 1919.

Streeter, Hackney & Co.,
321 W. State Street,
Johnstown, New York.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the second inst. addressed to the United States Mint at Philadelphia concerning order #914 Req. #263, I beg to advise that settlement was made by the Auditor under date of December 19, 1918, and warrant has been issued by the Treasury Department, which warrant should reach you within a very few days.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

P-L

January 6, 1919.

Mr. W. H. Wright,
210 N. Warren Street,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 23rd, I beg to advise you that the Department has no publications covering the assaying of gold and silver bullion. I would, however, refer you to copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the year 1896, which contains a discription of Mint processes. We have no copies of this report the edition having been exhausted, but you may be able to consult same on file at some public library.

If you have access to a library I would suggest that you also consult the following books:

The Precious Metals -- Gold, Silver, Platinum by T. K. Rose

L'Argent et Le Platine by M. Molinie et H. Dietz

Sampling and assay of the Precious Metals by E. A. Smith

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 6, 1919.

United Metals Selling Company,
42 Broadway,
New York City, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Please advise this Bureau, not later than Wednesday the 8th instant, of the rate at which you will supply to the Mint at Denver, 40 tons of electrolytic copper for minor coinage. In making quotation please include cost of freight and delivery to the Mint building.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

January 6, 1919.

Clendenin Bros.,
Central Ave. & Fawn St.
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

Please advise this Bureau, not later than Wednesday the 8th instant, of the rate at which you will supply to the Mint at Denver, 40 tons of electrolytic copper for minor coinage. In making quotation please include cost of freight and delivery to the Mint building.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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January 6, 1919.

Mr. W. E. Sanborn,
69 Woodward Avenue,
Detroit, Michigan.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 28th, I beg to advise you that the governmental demand for platinum in the making of explosives, etc., has been decreased by the curtailed war program. It is, therefore, unnecessary to make further purchases at this time.

The United States Assay Office at New York will receive deposits of gold and silver in quantities approximating in value $100 and over, and make payment at the rate of $1.00 per ounce for silver 1000 fine and $20.67 per ounce for gold.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

January 7, 1919.

Gilfullan Bros Smelting Refining Company
217½ West 6th Street,
Los Angeles, Cal.

Government has no platinum iridium for sale.

W. Parker

Director Mint.

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ----

2—5739 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 216.

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January 7, 1919.

Bureau of Navigation,
Navy Department,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find the account of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia amounting to $1.85, covering the cost of duplicate West Indian Campaign medal for Louis Gerson.

In payment of this account please cause the following appropriations for the support of the Mint at Philadelphia 1919, to be credited:

Wages of Workmen.....	$1.60
Contingent Expense.....	.25
Total.....	$1.85

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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January 7, 1919.

Office of Naval Operations,
Navy Department,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith the account of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia amounting to $1.036.73, covering the cost of 50 gold expert team riflemen's medals.

In payment of this account please have the following appropriations for the support of the Mint at Philadelphia 1919, credited:

Wages of Workmen.....	$154.85
Contingent expense.....	881.88
Total.....	$1036.73

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

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January 7, 1919.

Librarian,
The Fairport Public Library,
Fairport, New York.

Madam;

Replying to your request of January 2nd, I beg to advise you that we are forwarding you under separate cover a copy of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1918, also a copy of the pamphlet entitled "Information Regarding United States Bonds, Paper Currency and Coin, Production of Precious Metals, Etc.".

I regret to inform you that the last edition of the pamphlet entitled "Mint Processes" is entirely exhausted.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

January 7, 1919.

The Farmers State Bank,
Hunter, Kansas.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing a fifty cent piece in place of the one forwarded by you in your letter of December 30th. The coin forwarded was an imperfect one having been manufactured from what is known as a blistered blank. This defect prevents the coin from ringing true, although it is a genuine piece.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

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January 9, 1919.

Mr. Harry A. Davison,
Inspector of Ordnance Material,
Mason, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 6th, you are advised that all positions in the Mint are under Civil Service.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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January 9, 1919.

Dr. G. A. Smith,
25½ S. Limestone St.,
Springfield, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 2nd, I beg to advise you that the governmental demand for platinum in the making of explosives, etc., has been decreased by the curtailed war program. It is, therefore, unnecessary to make further purchases at this time.

With appreciation of your response to the appeal of the Government for this precious metal, I am.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 9, 1919.

Mr. F. W. Hamilton,
Hillsdale, Oregon.

Sir:

Replying to that part of your letter which relates to the manufacture of gold coin by an individual, you are informed that for an individual to manufacture and to place in circulation what purports to be United States gold coin, would be against the law.

Respectfully,

M. McKeely
Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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January 9, 1919.

Mr. L. O. Kunze,
Harrisonville, Mo.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 6th, I beg to advise you that the package forwarded by you has been sent to the United States Assay Office at New York, as there is no institution in Washington in connection with the Government where deposits of gold and silver can be treated. The Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York has been requested to make returns to you as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

January 9, 1919.

The Safe-Cabinet Company,
1204 Walnut Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 6th inst. addressed to the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia concerning a cabinet furnished on their order #1066, I have to advise that bill for same was settled by the Auditor for the Treasury Department under date of December 14, 1918, in the sum of $431, being the amount of the bill less $8.80 discount.

If you do not receive the Treasury warrant covering this amount withint the next few days, inquiry should be addressed to the Treasurer of the United States, making reference to Auditor's settlement number 70598 dated December 14, 1918, and specifying the amount $431.00.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

January 9, 1919.

United Metals Company,
42 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your offer on copper for the Mint at Denver at the rate of 23¢ per pound. A lower bid having been received your offer is respectfully declined.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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January 9, 1919.

Clendenin Brothers,
Central Ave. & Fawn St.,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your offer on copper for the Mint at Denver at the rate of 23¢ per pound. A lower bid having been received your offer is respectfully declined.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 9, 1919.

Burke Bros. & Company,
51 Empire Street,
Providence, R. I.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of January 2nd, I beg to advise that if you will forward the gold and silver scrap you have to the United States Assay Office at New York, a check on the Treasurer of the United States will be forwarded to you for the value, less charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

Wm. McPhilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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January 9, 1919.

Mr. M. I. Frazer,
R.F.D. #1,
Blackwood, N. J.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 6th, I beg to advise you that the United States Assay Office at New York will receive deposits of gold in quantities approximating in value $100.00 and over, and make payment for the same by check on the Treasurer of the United States. Nominal charges are deducted from the value of the deposit for determining the value of the same by melt and assay.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

January 9, 1919.

The Brown Instrument Co.,
Wayne & Windrim Avenues,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

I beg to advise you that one of the pyrometer tubes just received from you on our order of December 17, 1918, is broken across and is therefore useless.

Respectfully,

H. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

January 9, 1919.

Chief, Bureau of Insular Affairs,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Enclosed please find the account of the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco in the sum of $1,260.00, covering the manufacture of 42,000 pesos in 10 centavos, forwarded on January 4th to the Treasurer of the Philippine Islands.

In payment of this account please cause the following appropriations of the Mint at San Francisco 1919, to be credited.

Wages of workmen.....	$840
Contingent expense.....	420
Total.....	$1200

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

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Director of the Mint, Wash. D.C.

Contingent Expense, Mint at Denver 1919

American Metal Co. Ltd.

61 Broadway, New York City.

January 9 19

United States Mint, Denver, Colorado.

	tons	
Electrolytic copper	40	lb. $0.2175

M. W. O'Reilly
Acting
Director of the Mint.

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January 10, 1919.

Mr. Calvin Page,
New Hampshire National Bank,
Portsmouth, N. H.

Dear Mr. Page:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th ultimo relative to the Annual Assay Commission.

I shall take pleasure in placing your name on the list of those to be submitted to the Secretary to be forwarded to the President. The earliest possible notice will be sent to you of the action taken upon the list of names.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 10, 1919.

Dr. Carlos Adolfo Urueta,
Envoy Extraordinary and
Minister Plenipotentiary,
Colombian Legation,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Urueta:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant in regard to the dies for the coins of 1/2 and 1/4 of a Condor, and take pleasure in enclosing herewith impressions of the dies made at the Mint. Will you please advise me if the impressions indicate that the dies are satisfactory.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 10, 1919.

Dear Mr. Wilson:

I have your memorandum of this date, and beg to say that it would be impracticable for us to make medals from the bronze to be recovered from captured cannon. The Mint has no facilities for refining bronze, and the time required to prepare the metal, execute dies for medals, and manufacture the medals would, in any case, be too great to serve the ends you have in mind.

As I am most heartily in sympathy with the idea you advance, I regret that I cannot place the facilities of the mint at your disposal.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

Mr. Frank R. Wilson,
Director of Publicity,
War Loan Organization.

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January 10, 1919.

Kelly Spelling & Lead Co.
Exchange Exchange Bldg.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Gentlemen:

The accounting officers of the Treasury have disallowed in the account of Superintendent Sheehan of the San Francisco Mint, payments of marine insurance on copper purchased from you. It develops that the policy of the Government is to not carry fire or marine insurance on public property; while we no doubt pay insurance on materials which are bought at a price "delivered", which was our understanding, insurance charges, as such, may not be paid from Government funds.

I am therefore under the necessity of asking if you will not favor me by refunding to Mr. Sheehan the amounts paid you by him for marine insurance on copper, viz:

March 1918	$14.10
April 1918	11.10
April 1918	9.40
May 1918	24.00
June 1918	24.00
Total.....	$82.60

Regretting the inadvertence which necessitates this request, I am

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 11, 1919.

Auditor for the Treasury Dept.,
Graham Bulding,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The original of July voucher 974 in favor of Wm. Allen & Son for $536.90, was returned by this office to the Philadelphia Mint under date of December 12, 1918, with other vouchers, for correction. Under date of December 28, 1918, said voucher with other inclosures was re-mailed to this office, but has not as yet reached us, evidently having been lost in the mails. It is, therefore, recommended that the amount of the voucher be allowed as an expenditure in the account of A. M. Joyce, Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint on the attached copy of voucher.

Respectfully,

R. W. Baker

Director of the Mint.

F-I.
Encl.

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January 11, 1919.

Mrs. Clyde Cochran,
Box 26, New Matamoras,
Ohio.

Madam:

Replying to your letter forwarded with package containing gold and silver scrap, I regret to advise you that we will be unable to accept this deposit as the quantity enclosed would not cover the charges we would be obliged to impose to cover cost to the Government for treating the same. I would suggest that you forward it to a central organization of the Red Cross, where it can be included in an accumulation of such deposits.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

January 11, 1919.

Mr. John McMaster,
919 Niagara Street,
Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the coin enclosed in your letter of recent date and regret to advise you that it cannot be redeemed in United States Coin.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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January 11, 1919.

Hon. E. M. Quintana,
Charge d'Affaires,
Argentine Embassy,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Your letter of the 9th instant, addressed to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, relative to the blank discs being prepared for your Government, has been forwarded to this Bureau.

Replying I have the honor to advise you that one million pieces of the 20 centavo blanks have been completed. The Mint is striking the blanks at the rate of 400,000 pieces per day.

I beg to be advised as to the date you desire to make the first shipment, and to whom the bill covering charges for each lot manufactured should be rendered. The discs will be delivered to the agent named by you at the Mint.

It is also requested that you forward to this Bureau shipping instructions and the markings desired on the boxes containing the discs.

Upon receipt of instructions from you the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia will be directed to expedite the delivery of the blanks as much as possible.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

January 13, 1919.

Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of December 30th, I beg to enclose herewith the receipt of the American Railway Express Company covering charge of $1.55, for cable sent in April in regard to the export of silver bullion. This receipt was today received in this Bureau.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

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January 13, 1919.

Bureau of Navigation,
Navy Department,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith a voucher for $213.73, covering the new West Indian medals made and the old ones repaired in accordance with your authority of August 20, 1918.

In settlement of this account please have following appropriations of the Mint at Philadelphia 1919, credited:

Wages of workmen.....	$199.08
Contingent expense.....	14.65
Total.....	$213.73

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

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January 15, 1919.

Mr. C. F. Brown,
Box 127,
Santa Barbara, Calif.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 5th, I beg to advise you that the coinage Mints are located in the following cities: Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco.

The institution at Carson City, designated United States Mint and the institution at New Orleans, La. designated United States Mint, are now used as Assay Offices, coinage being confined to the institutions in the three named cities.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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January 13, 1919.

Mr. F. L. Parker,
Johnston,
South Carolina.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 9th, I beg to advise you that the United States Assay Office at New York is allowed by law to sell gold in quantities valued at $5,000.00 and over. Bars making up this amount are sold in any size, but the total invoice must reach in value $5,000.00. We cannot, therefore, sell you $100 worth of sheet gold.

Respectfully,

M. McO'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

January 13, 1919.

Messrs. Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith accounts of the American Railway Express Company, covering the following movements of silver.

Bill for $20,867.53 covering charges on shipment of silver bullion valued at $2,699.550.80, from Philadelphia to San Francisco on November 5th.

Bill for $23,819.80 covering charges on shipment of silver bullion valued at $3,081,473.22, from Philadelphia to San Francisco on January 4th.

Please place these accounts in line for liquidation.

There is also enclosed receipted voucher covering express charges on shipment of silver valued at $1,642,867.26, from Philadelphia to San Francisco on December 13th.

Respectfully,

R. McFarlan

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encls.

January 13, 1919.

Chief of the Bureau of Insular Affairs,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia requests to be advised whether direct current of 220 or 250 volts is available in Manila to be used in connection with the mint equipment now being manufactured at Philadelphia.

The Superintendent also asks to be advised as to the maximum weight and dimensions of any one piece of machinery that will be accepted for shipment.

Will you please advise this Bureau at your earliest convenience in regard to these matters.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 14, 1919.

International Smelting Co.,
42 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Thank you for calling our attention to oversight in sending out the blanks for use in preparation of data covering gold and silver production for the calendar year 1918.

As requested in your letter of the 13th inst. an additional set of blanks is forwarded herewith.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

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January 14, 1919.

Commandant & Supt. Naval Gun Factory,
United States Navy Yard,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of January 9th (01¾-K), relative to platinum crucibles, I beg to advise you that the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York states that if you will forward to him the platinum ware in question so that he may determine the sizes of the various crucibles, he will be glad to make the new ware of the same shapes in exchange for an equivalent weight of the old platinum ware.

The material should be addressed

"Superintendent,
United States Assay Office,
Pine Street,
New York City."

Respectfully,

B. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 15, 1919.

Auditor for Treasury Department,
Graham Building,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Please cause settlement to be made for the abrasion on silver dollars melted for sale as bullion, as below:

Authority	Face Value	Legal Wt.	Weight before melting	Abrasion
		Fine ozs.	Fine ozs.	Fine ozs. Wt.
Sept. 17, 1918 (Part)	$2,000,000			
Sept. 30, 1918	10,000,000	9,281,250	9,253,118.62	28,131.38
Oct. 22, 1918	1,000,000			
" 25, 1918	7,500,000			
Nov. 16, 1918	10,000,000	26,748,562.5	26,678,657.07	69,905.43
" 20, 1918	10,000,000			
Dec. 19, 1918 (Part)	6,004,000			
	46,504,000	36,029,812.5	35,931,775.69	98,036.81

This account is approved for $98,036.81 to be charged to the "Special Fund - Charges on silver-dollar bullion sold" and credited to Miscellaneous Receipts - "Receipts for abrasion on silver dollars melted for use as bullion."

Respectfully,

M. McReilly
Actg Director of the Mint.

F-L

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January 15, 1919.

Sherritt, Stoer & Co.,
603 Finance Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your statement rendered the Philadelphia Mint under date of January 1st for invoice covering mint order #1069, in amount $1,596.00, I have to advise that the bill was settled under date of December 19, 1918, and you doubtless have received warrant in payment by this time. If not, inquiry should be made of the Treasurer of the United States making reference to settlement of the Auditor for the Treasury Department, #70669 dated December 19, 1918.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

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January 15, 1919.

Chas. H. Ellis & Son,
108-10 Westchester Avenue,
Port Chester,
New York.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of January 10th, I beg to advise you that the Act of February 19, 1887, provided for the retirement of the Trade Dollar. For six months after the passage of this act, they were redeemable dollar for dollar.

Trade dollars have now merely bullion value and are not received as coin.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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January 16, 1919.

American Railway Express Co.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith checks from the British Government covering the following expenses:

Bill for $20,867.53 covering charges on shipment of silver bullion valued at $2,699,550.80, from Philadelphia to San Francisco on November 5th.

Bill for $23,819.80 covering charges on shipment of silver bullion valued at $3,081,473.22, from Philadelphia to San Francisco on January 4th.

Kindly acknowledge at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 16, 1919.

Mr. H. Parker Willis, Director,
Division of Analysis & Research,
511 Philosophy Hall,
116th Street, N. Y. C.

Sir:

In response to your inquiry of the 13th inst., I beg to state that there are no later figures available than for the calendar year 1915, covering the imports and exports of gold and silver bullion to and from London, publication of such figures having been discontinued owing to war conditions.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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January 16, 1919.

The Tanner's Council,
Rhode Island Ave. Cor. of Conn Ave.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

In response to your telephone request I am enclosing herewith a table giving the value of the Persian Kran for the calendar years 1913 to 1918 inclusive, with the average indicated.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
C-L

January 17, 1919.

The Commercial & Financial Chronicle,
138 Front Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Responding to your request of January 15th, I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a copy of the preliminary estimate of gold and silver production in the United States in 1918 by states.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

January 17, 1919.

Mr. Abraham Quall,
2336 Madison Ave.,
Baltimore, Md.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of January 15th, I am enclosing a copy of the table entitled "Value of Foreign Coins", and would call your attention to the fact that such values are expressed in terms of United States money.

The United States dollar will buy foreign coins to the extent of the amounts indicated in the column headed"Values in Terms of United States Money".

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

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Director of the Mint, Wash. D. C.

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acting M. McKenney
Director of the Mint.

January 18, 1919.

Mr. A. T. Edmonston,
Supervisor of Statistics,
Bureau of Labor Statistics,
Jefferson City, Missouri.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 14th inst. concerning the producer and locality in which produced of gold credited to the state of Missouri as product of the calendar year 1917, I have to state that the statistics collected by this Bureau are obtained with the understanding that they will be used only in compilation of aggregates. However, it can be stated for your information that this gold was obtained from zinc skim and matte, shipped to one of the large smelters of the country by firms operating in the south eastern Missouri lead district. It is probable that the gold is solely an incidental by-product.

Respectfully,

R. Woodward
Acting Director of the Mint.

F.L

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January 18, 1919.

Hammacher, Schlemmer & Co.,
4th Ave & 13th Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of January 14th in which you refer to your letter of January 4th relative to an account, I beg to say that this Bureau has referred the matter to the United States Assay Office at New York, it being presumed that the account in question is one incurred by that institution.

This Bureau, to which your letter was referred by the Post Office Department, does not settle the accounts. The attention of the Superintendent of the New York Assay Office has been called to the matter and I hope you will hear from him directly.

I would suggest that you telephone directly to that institution for more satisfactory adjustment of the matter.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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January 18, 1919.

The Director
of the Bureau of Standards,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am forwarding herewith weights to be used at the meeting of the Annual Assay Commission, with the request that the same be tested and returned to this Bureau in time for the meeting of the Commission, February 12, 1919.

Respectfully,

N. MacFarlane

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 18, 1919.

The American Metal Market Co.,
81 Fulton Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your inquiry of the 17th inst., I have to advise that this office does not issue preliminary estimate of the production of gold and silver in the world. Our estimates for the calendar year 1918 will not be available until approximately December 1, 1919.

Estimates for the calendar year 1917 and the revisied estimate for the calendar year 1916 are published on page 244 of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1918, copy of which is being forwarded under separate cover.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

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January 18, 1919.

Western Chemical Manufacturing Co.,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Herewith I am returning the blanks received this day from you concerning the production of gold and silver in the United States during the calendar year 1918. The headings of the forms have been slightly amended with a view to correcting what may have been a misunderstanding as to the needs of this office.

One of the large smelting concerns of the United States has reported receipts from the Western Chemical Company during the calendar year 1918, of approximately 210,000 ounces silver and 1,000 ounces gold, and it is with the purpose of learning the source of this material that the formsin question has been sent to you.

Assuring you of my appreciation of your assistance in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

R. W. Woodward

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

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January 18, 1919.

Mr. E. A. Suter,
Fairbanks,
Alaska.

Sir:

Your letter of recent date forwarded to the United States Geological Survey asking for certain tables has been referred to this Bureau. I regret to advise you that we have no tables for computing bullion values, available for distribution.

I am enclosing herewith copy of table of charges employed at the present time at the Mints and Assay Offices.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

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January 18, 1919.

Mr. Henry Dale,
c/o Swartchild & Co.,
29 E Madison St.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 15th, I regret to advise you that we have no publications covering the methods used in the various institutions for refining gold and silver.

Respectfully,

M. McRilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O"L

January 18, 1919.

United States Railroad Administration,
Pullman Car Lines,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

Herewith I am returning your voucher ED-71966, 12/30/18, in amount $19.00, with request that the item payable by the United States Tariff Commission be eliminated from this voucher, the other items of which pertain to the Office of the Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L
Enc.

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

January 18, 1919.

Messrs. Abraham & Straus,
Fulton Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith vouchers forwarded with your letter of January 14th, addressed to the United States Treasury Department. The accounts were delivered by the Post Office Department to the Architects Office and were forwarded by that office to this Bureau.

If you will forward the accounts to the United States Assay Office at New York as indicated on the heading of the vouchers the matter will be adjusted.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl,
Q-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

January 18, 1919.

Mr. I. W. Mordecai,
Orangeburg,
South Carolina.

Sir:

Replying to your letter forwarded together with package containing silver, I beg to advise you that the metal has been forwarded to the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York, who will remit to you the value of the deposit.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

January 18, 1919.

Hon. J. M. Baer,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Baer:

Your letter of January 9th addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has by him been referred to this Bureau. I regret to advise you that this office has no copies of the edition "Mineral Resources of the United States" requested in your letter.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

C-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

January 20, 1919.

Mr. A. B. Larsen,
Camp Douglas, Wis.

Sir:

Replying to your letter forwarded with package said to contain silver, addressed to the Smelter Department, I beg to advise you that the material has been forwarded to the Superintendent, United States Assay Office New York, who will remit to you the value of the deposit.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

January 21, 1919.

Messrs. Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Sir:

I beg to advise you that the shipment of silver prepared at the San Francisco Mint for the S/S due to sail the 22nd, contains 2,625 bars, weighing 3,005,080.30 gross ounces.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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January 21, 1919.

Messrs. Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find voucher for $6,883.86 covering charges on shipments of January 7th and January 8th from Philadelphia, Pa., to St. Georges, N. Y., consisting of silver bullion to the value of $3,155,778.85 and $3,797,606.58 respectively, and will you please place the same in proper line for payment.

I am also enclosing voucher for $19,710.29 covering our charges on shipment of January 14th from Philadelphia, Pa., to San Francisco, Calif., consisting of 3086 bars to the value of $2,549,842.88, and it will be appreciated if same is also placed in line for payment.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

2-L
Encl.

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

January 21, 1919.

Mr. W. B. Dunn,
Graham Lumber Company,
Graham, Virginia.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 18th, you are advised that the Mint receives, assays and makes payment for gold forwarded in the form of jeweler's scrap, etc., in quantities valued at $100 and over.

Respectfully.

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

January 21, 1919.

Mr. G. D. Johnson,
National Paper & Type Company,
32 Burling Slip,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Your letter of the 14th inst. addressed to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has been by him referred to this Bureau for reply.

The following quotation is submitted on the coinage of 2,000,000 nickel 5-centavo pieces and 1,000,000 nickel one-centavo pieces for the Government of Salvador:

5-Centavo

No. of pieces 2,000,000 Cost per M Pcs. $4.00
Weight 5 Grams
Tolerance 2 Grains
Alloy (75% Copper
(25% Nickel

Metal required:
Copper 16,534.2857 Avd. Lbs. Electrolytic Copper, contents 99.90
Nickel 5,511.4286 Avd. Lbs Nickel, contents 99.00

1-Centavo

No. of pieces 1,000,000 Cost per M Pcs. $4.00
Weight 2½ Grams
Tolerance 2 Grains
Alloy (75% Copper
(25 % Nickel

Metal required:
Copper 4,133.5714 Avd. Lbs. Electrolytic Copper, contents 99;90
Nickel 1,377.8572 Avd. Lbs. Nickel, contents 99.00

The dies for the above coinage are held in the Philadelphia Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 425

January 21, 1919.

Mr. Fred E. Bliss,
33 Mooreland Ave.,
Edgewood Station,
Providence, R. I.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 17th stating that you had sold platinum through the Red Cross to the Government, I beg to advise you that it would be impossible for us to trace this deposit for you and suggest that you confer with the chapter of the Red Cross which received your deposit.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

January 21, 1919.

Hon. John F. Nugent,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Nugent:

I have your letter of January 17th recommending the appointment of Mr. J. W. Robinson as a member of the Annual Assay Commission.

As you are aware this commission is appointed by the President to meet at Philadelphia for the purpose of testing the coins reserved during the calendar year for assaying. The committee serves without compensation accept that necessary traveling expenses are paid.

I would be very glad, particularly on your account, to recommend the appointment of Mr. Robinson, but I am sure you will understand my position in preferring not to do so when I explain that Mr. Robinson was absent from his position in the Assay Office at Boise from June 30, 1918, until his reinstatement on December 10, 1918. Under this condition I do not feel justified in recommending that he be allowed to leave his post of duty again to act on a Commission connected with the service.

Mr. Robinson's recent absence of about six months, necessarily placed upon those remaining in the office a share of the responsibilities connected with the position which has been held open for him and to which he has so recently been restored.

Assuring you of my desire to respond to any request of yours when possible, and with personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of the Mint.

O.L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

January 21, 1919.

W. H. McElwain Co.,
Manchester, N. H.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of January 11th, I beg to advise you that the department is not contemplating the coinage of gold.

I feel safe in assuring you that it is not likely that any gold coins will be manufactured during the present calendar year.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

January 21, 1919.

Mr. Martin Schwitter,
275 Ocean Avenue,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Schwitter:

Mr. Bovie has forwarded to this office your letter of resignation as Platinum Assayer, which took effect January 1, 1919.

I take pleasure in availing myself of the opportunity of expressing my appreciation for the very valuable services you rendered to this department in the war emergency, which so taxed the resources of our New York Assay Office.

The Superintendent of that institution has placed on record a statement of the capable and efficient service you rendered and it gives me much pleasure to augment his statement by a personal letter of commendation to you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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January 21, 1919.

Mr. M. Von Bernewitz, Asst. Editor,
Editorial Dept., Mining & Scientific Press,
420 Market Street,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 8th, I beg to advise you that I am forwarding under separate cover, copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint giving synopsis of the operations in silver for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1918. This is the last published report. I am also enclosing a copy of the preliminary estimate of the Production of Silver in the United States for the calendar year 1918.

The Act of April 23, 1918, authorizing the sale of silver resulting from the melting of silver dollars and also fixing the price at $1.00, and as you know, authorizing the Director of the Mint to purchase same equivalent to the number of ounces resulting from the melting of silver dollars at that rate. This is likely to cause the price of silver to remain at the fixed rate for sometime to come.

No silver has been purchased in the open market since July 1918.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

January 22, 1919.

Mr. H. Parker Willis, Director,
Division of Analysis & Research,
Federal Reserve Board,
511 Philosophy Hall,
116th Street, New York City.

Sir:

Complying with your request of the 14th inst., I have to advise that that part of the United States Mint receipts of gold for the quarter October-December 1918, which may be classed under the headings indicated, follows:

	Fine ozs.
Unrefined bullion from domestic material.	247,540
Unrefined bullion from foreign material..	106,738
Private refinery product.....	725,621

The complete classification of mint gold receipts, of which the above represents items 23, 24, 25 and 28, may be found on page 92 of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1918, copy of which is being forwarded under separate cover.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

January 22, 1919.

Mr. N. Ballardeaux,
Elk Rapids,
Michigan.

Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of a package forwarded by you containing old coins. Replying I beg to advise you that we cannot accept the same, as the charges we would be obliged to impose for determining the value of the deposit would absorb more than its value.

The two cent piece is redeemable at face value.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

January 22, 1919.

Messrs. Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

On July 30th this office enclosed two accounts of the American Railway Express Company representing insufficient charges collected on silver bullion sent to India. One was for a voucher amount to $25,732.68 on shipment of silver bullion March 23rd, consigned to the Mint-Master, Calcutta, India, forwarded on the S. S. Persia Maru. The amount represents insufficient charged collected at the time of shipment from Hong Kong to Calcutta. A copy of the bill as made by Toyo Kisen Kaisha was attached.

On the same day this office forwarded to you a voucher for $5,434.34 on shipment of silver bullion March 16th, consigned to the Mint-Master, Calcutta, forwarded on the S. S. Shinyo Maru. The amount represents insufficient charges collected at the time of shipment from Hong Kong to Calcutta. A copy of the bill as made by Toyo Kisen Kaisha was attached.

Under date of ~~June~~ Jan. 17th this Bureau was advised by the American Railway Express Company that their records failed to show that these accounts have been settled.

Will you please advise this Bureau in regard to the matter at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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January 22, 1919.

American Railway Express Co.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of January 17th in which you refer to your letter of January 10th, enclosing a voucher for $20,876.53 covering the charges on shipment of silver bullion on November 5th from Philadelphia to San Francisco, consisting of bullion valued at $2,699,550.80, I beg to advise that on January 16th a check for $20,867.53 covering this shipment and also a check for $23,819.80 covering charges on a shipment of bullion valued at $3,081,473.22 from Philadelphia to San Francisco on January 4th were forwarded to you from this Bureau.

Please advise me if the checks have reached you in due course.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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January 23, 1919.

Wells Fargo & Co. Express,
65 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Herewith I am enclosing your bill #8-32 G in amount $479.45, for signature of the certifying officer.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L
Encl.

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January 25, 1919.

American Railway Express Co.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith check drawn on your order for $6,883.86, covering charges on shipment of silver from Philadelphia to St. Georges, N. Y., January 7th and 8th.

Am also enclosing check for $19,710.29 covering charges on shipment from Philadelphia to San Francisco, January 14th.

Please return enclosed vouchers receipted and obliged.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-I.
Encl.

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

January 25, 1919.

Mr. Walter L. Brown,
R.R.A. Box 55,
Danville, Indiana.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 22nd describing a medal which you found upon your premises. I am unable to advise you of the intrinsic value of this medal.

If you care to forward the medal to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, the curator of that insitution will be able to advise you as to whether the medal is a rare one or not.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

January 25, 1919.

Mr. C. E. Kringe,
c/o Mr. C. A. Veninga,
East Carondelet,
Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date enclosing coins, I beg to advise you that the Government does not pay premium on any issue of coin. The coins forwarded by you are redeemable at face value.

I regret to advise you that I cannot inform you of any coin collector who will purchase the coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 25, 1919.

Miss Elizabeth Dobbin,
141 West Avenue,
Fairport, N. Y.

Madam:

Responding to your letter of January 22nd, I am forwarding you under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint giving the coinage executed at the various institutions of the government for a series of years.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

9—5738

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington, January 25, 1919.

Night Message.

Governor Emmet D. Boyle

Carson City, Nevada.

Department is most anxious to file report of Gold Committee. Will appreciate your wiring endorsement of report presented to you by Strauss.

Baker

Director Mint.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1919.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
2—5738
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

January 27, 1919.

Mr. Clarence Ridge,
Binger,
Oklahoma.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 6th, I beg to state that I am unable to give you any advice in regard to the silver that was said to be lost or stolen on the Ozark Trail.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

January 25, 1919.

Mr. Clyde M. Ney,
Box 685,
Globe, Ariz.

Sir:

Replying to yours of the 8th to the Geological Survey:- This Bureau has never published anything regarding the separation of the metals of the platinum group, but I send under separate cover a method for determining small amounts of the platinum metals by the Bureau Assayer. You might consult:- Methods in Metallurgical Analysis, White, Van Nostrand or Standard Methods of Chemical Analysis Scott, Van Nostrand.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

D-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

January 27, 1919.

Mr. D. C. Meyer,
325 West Warren Street,
Bucyrus, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 21st inst., I beg to advise you that the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York will received deposits of gold in quantities approximating $100 in value and over, and make payment for the same by check on the Treasurer of the United States for the value of the same.

Nominal charges are deducted from the value of the deposit for determining its value by melt and assay.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

January 27, 1919.

Mr. Abraham Quall,
2336 Madison Avenue,
Baltimore, Md.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 18th relative to the "Value of Foreign Coins", I beg to advise you that we have no other publication than that which we have sent you, namely, the table giving the equivalent of foreign coins to United States coins.

I am unable to advise you where you can receive any other publications from the Government covering this subject.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

January 27, 1919.

Mrs. H. Parker Whittington,
95 Milk Street,
Boston, Mass.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of January 10th addressed to the "Federal Assay Office" and by the Post Office Department referred to this Bureau, I beg to state that we have no literature covering the subject to which you refer.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

January 27, 1919.

Mr. Francisco Garein Quiles,
Lieutenant of the Civil Guard,
Valderrobres, Spain.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 15th relative to an Arabic coin, and regret that we are unable to negotiate for its purchase for the numismatic collection of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

January 27, 1919.

Mrs. Josie Stepp,
201 West Lewis St.,
North Little Rock,
Arkansas.

Madam:

I am returning herewith pencil rubbing enclosed in your letter of the 19th inst. and beg to advise you that the impression is that of a United States coin which will be redeemed by the Department at face value. I am unable to advise you as to its numismatic value.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

January 27, 1919.

S. Joseph & Sons,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your inquiry of January 29th, I beg to advise you that there is no law which prohibits the soldering of rings on French coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

January 27, 1919.

Editor, "Answers",
The Sun,
Baltimore, Md.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 14th relative to the price of gold during the Civil War and after, I beg to state that this Bureau has no record of the daily exchange of gold covering the period you indicate.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

January 27, 1919.

The American Dentist,
9 South Clinton Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of January 20th which was addressed to the Department of the Treasury and subsequently referred to this Bureau, I beg to advise you that there is no law which prohibits the total destruction of gold coins to be used in the arts. The penalty attaches to the fraudulent defacing of coins for the purpose of reducing their weight and re-storing them to circulation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

January 27, 1919.

Mr. Edward C. Jenkins,
347 Madison Avenue,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 24th inst., I have to advise that the 1918 average price of silver, analogous to the price quoted by you was $1.04181. This is the United States equivalent value of a fine ounce of silver bullion in London, with exchange at par.

We have no compilation showing the fluctuation of the Mexican dollar in Shanghai in terms of American gold. The Mexican dollar contains 377.1395 grains (fine) of silver or 377.1395/480 oz. By using this fraction and the average value of silver per ounce as quoted in the table mentioned by you, the yearly average value of the Mexican dollar can be found.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

January 28, 1919.

Mr. C. L. Cole,
State Savings Trust Co.,
Springfield, Mo.

Sir:

Your letter of January 23rd addressed to Hon. C. N. Hamlin, House of Representatives, has by him been forwarded to this Bureau for attention. Replying, I beg to state that the silver dollar contains 371.25 grains of pure silver.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

January 29, 1919.

Miss Nell Billadeaux,
Lake Shore Drive,
Elk Rapids, Mich.

Madam:-

Replying to your letter of January 25th, I beg to advise you that the coins forwarded by you to this office on the 15th inst., were returned to you under separate cover, by registered mail on January 22nd.

I am quite sure that you will have received the coins by the time this letter reaches you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

January 29, 1919.

W. H. Coe Manufacturing Co.,
Providence, R. I.

Gentlemen;

Replying to your inquiry of the 27th inst., I beg to advise that since your material is obtained from gold leaf manufacturers, it will not be essential that you fill out the forms concerning bullion dealer's manufacturing statistics forwarded with our letter of the 24th inst.

Thanking you for your courtesy in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

January 29, 1919.

Mr. Reginald Forwood,
Rogers,
Arkansas.

Sir:-

Replying to your inquiry concerning production of gold in Missouri, I beg to state that the gold credited to Missouri in the reports of this office in the years 1917 and 1918, was obtained from zinc skim and matte shipped to one of the large smelters of the country by firms operation in the south eastern Missouri lead district. It is probable that the gold is solely an incidental by-product.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

January 29, 1919.

Mr. Charles L. Howard,
122 South Michigan Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 24th requesting a discription of the one cent pieces issued by the Government since the beginning of our coinage, I beg to advise you that the only publication covering this subject is the book entitled "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint at Philadelphia", which is sold by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. D., at $1.00 per copy.

I regret that we have no copies of this publication for gratuitous distribution.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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January 29, 1919.

Chief, Bureau of Insular Affairs,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia under this date has requested to be advised as early as practicable, the cycle and phase of the 220 Volts alternating current available in Manila.

I will appreciate it if you will cause this information to be obtained by cable in order that I may transmit it to the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint as early as possible.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

C-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

January 29, 1919.

Messrs. Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed herewith find voucher for $5,959.99 covering charges on shipment of January 14th, from New York to San Francisco, consisting of silver bullion to the value of $764,101.80.

Will you please place the same in proper line for payment.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
C-L

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January 31, 1919.

American Railway Express Co.,
65 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:-

Herewith I am returning your voucher #8-32 B, in amount $262.37, for signature and return to this office.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

E-L
Encl.

January 31, 1919.

The American News Co. Inc.,
9-15 Park Place,
New York City.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of January 28th, I beg to advise you that we issue the publication "Values of Foreign Coins" at the first of each quarter. Your name will be placed on the mailing list for the mentioned circular and we are enclosing herewith a copy of the same for the quarter beginning January 1, 1919.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

E WRITTEN: NIGHT MESSAGE

Washington, January 21, 1919.

Real Estate,

ph Riordan, / Harrison, New Jersey.
ge Burnham, Philadelphia, Pa.
. McCracken, Johnstown, Ohio.
in Page, Portsmouth, N. H.
. E. Vaughan, Lynchburg, Va.
Herbert Adams, 131 West Eleventh St., New York, N. Y.
. E. Newell, C/. Dr. Kunz, Tiffany & Co., New York City.
. Allworth, Eastville, Va.
in Isaac Emerson, Baltimore, Md.
Heck, Commercial Trust Building, Jersey City, N. J.
Pittman, Tonopah, Nevada.
rd P. Morris, Salt Lake City, Utah.
L. McNeil, Durango, Colorado.
. R. Johnson, St. George, South Carolina.
ge C. McIntyre, American Smelting Refining Co., Omaha, Nebraska
am Hasson, Oil City, Pa.
ge VanTuyl, Metropolitan Bank, New York City.

President has appointed you member annual assay commission which eets at Philadelphia Mint morning of February twelfth. Sessions last bout three days. No compensation attaches except payment necessary raveling expenses. Letter follows.

Ray T. Baker

Director of Mint.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1919.

BUSINESS.
NMENT RATES.
RGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

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February 1, 1919.

Federal Farm Loan Board,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

Herewith find bill of the Philadelphia Mint for cost of manufacturing steel die and one dozen copper counters, in amount $22.00.

Please cause transfer settlement to be made crediting the amount of the bill to the following appropriations:-

Wages of workmen, Mint at Philadelphia 1918 ----------	$18.60
Contingent expense, Mint at Philadelphia 1918 ----------	3.40
Total.....	$22.00

The bill is supported by copy of order and acknowledgment of articles received.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

F-L
Encl.

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February 1, 1919.

Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Herewith find bill for one half common expenses of the Internal Revenue Office and the Assay Office at Helena, Montana, occupying the same building, for the period October to December 1918 inclusive, said bill, $211.15, to be credited by transfer settlement to the appropriation Contingent Expense Assay Office at Helena 1919.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 1, 1919.

Register of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Herewith find two bills of the Philadelphia Mint for cost of manufacturing steel dies and copper counters, in amounts $130 and $148.

Please cause transfer settlements to be made, crediting the following appropriations in the amounts indicated:-

Wages of workmen, Mint at Philadelphia 1918	$128.40
Contingent expense, Mint at Philadelphia 1918	19.60
Wages of workmen, Mint at Philadelphia 1919	111.00
Contingent expense, Mint at Philadelphia 1919	19.00
Total	$ 278.00

The bills are supported by copies of orders and acknowledgment of receipt of the articles, with the exception of certain cases wherein orders were given by telephone and not confirmed by letter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
F-L

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February 1, 1919.

Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:-

The Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco reports that the shipment of silver to be delivered in time for export on February 4th, amounts to 1980 bars weighing 2,267,109.85 gross ounces.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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February 1, 1919.

Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith voucher for $44,823.19 covering charges on shipment of January 27th, from Philadelphia to San Francisco, consisting of silver bullion to the value of $5,798,600.77, and also a voucher for $10,749.82, covering charges on shipment January 27th from New York to San Francisco, consisting of silver bullion to the value of $1,378,181.79.

Will you please place the accounts in proper line for payment.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

2—5733

WHERE WRITTEN:

Night Message.

Washington,

February 7, 1919.

Mr. Vail Pittman
Tonopah, Nevada.

Telegram received. Letter contains nothing of importance.
No need of waiting for it.

F. T. Baker
Director Mint.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1919.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
2—5733 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 1128

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

February 3, 1919.

Hon. William H. Igoe,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Igoe:-

Your letter of recent date addressed to the Bureau of Standards enclosing a letter from Mr. Samuel Kershman, has been referred by the Bureau of Standards to this office.

I have taken pleasure in forwarding to Mr. Kershman a copy of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint, which contains all of the information that has been published covering the operations of the Mints and Assay Offices.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 3, 1919.

Mr. L. M. Cagan,
c/o The Ponce Ry. & Lt. Co.,
Ponce, Porto Rico.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of January 21st, I beg to state that the department has not issued a book telling how to distinguish genuine from spurious coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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Director of the Mint, Wash. D.C.

"Contingent Expense, Office of the Director of the Mint, 1919".

Mackall Brothers,

823 H Street N.E., Wash. D. C.

rector of the Mint, Treasury Dept. Wash. D.C.

Acid, hydrochloric; Sp. gr. 1.19; in 6-pound bottles (C.P.)	18 lbs.	.20	3	60
Acid, nitric; C. P., sp. gr. 1.42; in 7-pound bottles; 10 bottles to case.	70 lbs.	.16	11	75
			15	35

Director of the Mint.

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February 3, 1919.

American Railway Express Co.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed herewith find check from the Secretary of State for India in amount $5,959.99, covering express charges on shipment of silver from New York to San Francisco on January 14th, consisting of 833 bars weighing 764,101.80 ounces.

Kindly return enclosed vouchers duly receipted, and oblige,

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

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February 3, 1919.

Mr. Jerome H. Raymond,
748 Judson Avenue,
Evanston, Ill.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of January 27th, I beg to advise that you were correct in your understanding that no silver dollars have been coined since 1904.

In reply to your inquiry regarding the number of silver certificates that have been retired under the provisions of the Act of April 23, 1918, I have forwarded your letter to the Treasurer of the United States.

I am forwarding herewith a copy of Department circular 52 relative to legal tender coins of the United States.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

February 3, 1919.

Myer Brothers,
111 S. Jefferson Ave.,
Saginaw, Michigan.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of January 29th, I beg to advise that there is no law prohibiting the soldering of rings on coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

February 3, 1919.

Dear Senator Frelinghuysen:

I have your letter of the 30th of January, enclosing a letter from the Treasurer of the Whitehead Hoag Company relative to the matter of manufacturing medals at the Mint.

Under date of January 30th Mr. Jones addressed a letter to me upon the same subject and I am enclosing herewith a copy of my reply to him.

The Mints are so crowded with orders for foreign and domestic coins at this time that in any case orders for the manufacture of medals would not be accepted.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Joseph S. Frelinghuysen,
United States Senate.

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February 1, 1919.

Mr. Wm. A. Jones, Treasurer
Whitehead & Hoag Company,
Newark, New Jersey.

Sir:

I have your letter of January 30th relative to the manufacture of medals by the Mint at Philadelphia.

Up to the present time no application for the manufacture of medals such as you describe has come before this office, or been authorized by me.

I would state for your information, however, that there is nothing to prevent the Mint from manufacturing medals for patriotic or educational institutions. The manufacture of dies for other than national medals is not undertaken by the Mint. If dies are supplied, and the government is reimbursed for the cost of manufacturing medals, and the condition of business at the Mints permits, the manufacture of medals is allowed.

At the present time the pressure for foreign and domestic coinage is such that, in any case, the Mint would not be authorized by me to accept an order for the manufacture of medals.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 3, 1919.

S. Joseph & Sons,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of January 25th, I beg to state that there is no objection to using the gold dollar you have, in the way you describe.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

Director of the Mint, Wash. D. C.

"Contingent expense, Mint at San Francisco 1919".

L. C. Smith Bros.

14th & H Streets, N. W. Washington, D.C.

February 4 9.

intendent,
nited States Mint, San Francisco, Calif.

Silent typewriter No. 8, 12 inch carriage, pica type, with tabulating keys	1	1

Director of the Mint.

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February 4, 1919.

Messrs. Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith receipted vouchers from the American Railway Express Co. covering the following:-

Balance due on ocean freight, silver shipment per S/S Shinyo Maru, sailing March 16, 1918, ----------	$ 5,434.34
Balance due on ocean freight, silver shipment per S/S Persia Maru, sailing April 1, 1918, ----------	25,732.68

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encls.
O-L

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February 4, 1919.

W. Montelius Price Co.,
530 First Ave. South,
Seattle, Washington.

Gentlemen:-

Your letter of January 15th relative to a motor driven drill offered the Assayer in Charge of the Assay Office at Seattle, was referred to that officer by this Bureau. I am today in receipt of a reply from the Assayer in Charge stating that the machine delivered was not what he expected to receive; that he understood a combined motor and drill as shown in the cut, would be shipped from the factory; instead, the apparatus was assembled and put together in Seattle. He now states that he has tried the drill and it works satisfactorily and he is willing to accept it.

However, the Assayer advises me regarding the proposal of October 1, 1918, "that proposition three contains two quotations, one of $134.55 for delivery of the drill by freight in 30 to 45 days, and another of $144.55 for delivery by express in from 10 to 15 days and that it took within a few days of two months to make delivery."

The Assayer further states that he made request of Mr. Price for some evidence to show that shipment had been made by express, but that this evidence was not submitted. Upon receipt from you of a bill for $134.55, your quotation on the machine for delivery in from 30 to 45 days by freight, the voucher will be prepared and payment promptly made.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

February 4, 1919.

Brandt Jewelry Co.,
1225-63rd Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your inquiry of recent date, I beg to advise that the Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York will receive deposits of gold in the form of scrap, etc., in quantities approximating $100. in value and over.

Payment is made by check on the Treasurer of the United States, after nominal charges for determining the value of the deposit by melt and assay have been deducted.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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February 4, 1919.

Mr. W. T. Cozad, Asst. Cashier,
The Security Trust & Savings Bank,
Shenandoah, Iowa.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of January 30th enclosing a burnt fifty cent piece, I beg to advise that we cannot redeem the same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

February 5, 1919.

Rudolph & West Co.,
1332 New York Ave., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

Herewith find formal government voucher covering your bill of March 26, 1917. Please sign at the place indicated with a cross in the margin and return to this office, after which the bill will be placed in line for early settlement.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L.
Encl.

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

February 6, 1919.

The District Secretary,
Twelfth U.S.Civil Service District,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter from the Superintendent of the Mint at Denver, referring to your letter of the 23rd of January, in regard to the case of James E. Hall, who is at present serving as a Guard at the Denver Mint, under a temporary appointment.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the letter of the Superintendent of the Mint at Denver and wish to support his recommendation by my endorsement that the services of Mr. Hall be retained as a temporary guard until it becomes possible for him to take an examination for permanent appointment as a watchman. This letter is being addressed to you in accordance with the suggestion of the Civil Service Commission. I understand that the list of eligibles for appointment to position of watchman is practically exhausted, and for the reasons stated in Mr. Annear's letter I am very desirous of retaining the services of Mr. Hall under temporary appointment until it becomes possible for him to take an examination. I shall appreciate your cooperation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 8, 1919.

International Nickel Co.,
43 Exchange Place,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Please accept my thanks for your report of gold and silver product for the calendar year 1918, which has this day been received.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

February 8, 1919.

Mr. T. K. Allan,
Kemptville,
Ontario,
Canada.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of February 5th, I am enclosing herewith a copy of the last Annual Report of the Director of the Mint, on page 128 of which is given a table showing the coinage of the United States by denominations.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

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February 8, 1917.

W. H. McElwain Co.,
354 Congress Street,
Boston, Mass.

Att: Mr. L. H. MacCurdy.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of February 6th, I beg to advise you that $1,385,000 in ten dollar gold pieces were coined in 1916.

I am unable to advise you where you can obtain one of these pieces.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

February 8, 1919.

Mr. G. T. Thomas,
Coahoma, Miss.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of recent date enclosing a piece of metal for assay, I beg to advise you that there is no government institution in Washington where assaying is done for the public. For your information, I would say that the piece of metal forwarded by you is too small to be assayed.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

C-L
Encl.

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February 8, 1919.

Mr. R. E. Freeman,
Box 58,
West Tulsa,
Oklahoma.

Sir:-

I am returning herewith sample of ore contained in your letter of February 15th together with check for $6.00 in payment for assaying the same.

There is no institution in Washington connected with the Government where assays of ore are made for the public. I am enclosing herewith a card which indicates the Government institutions where such work can be done.

Regretting that we cannot serve you, I am

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

C-L
Encls.

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February 10, 1919.

Chief of Ordnance,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Herewith find bill of the New York Assay Office in amount $1,818.87, for refining Russian grain residues.

Please cause settlement to be made, the amount to be reimbursed to the following appropriations:-

Wages of workmen, Assay Office at New York, 1919 --------	$1,636.98
Contingent expense, Assay Office at New York, 1919 --	181.89

Please give this matter prompt attention as the funds will be needed to meet our expenses.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

W-L
Encl.

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February 10, 1919.

Commissioner,
Bureau of Education,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Will you please forward to this Bureau a copy of the "Guide to United States Government Publications, Bulletin 2, 1918."

Thanking you in advance, I am

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

February 11, 1919.

Mr. George Wentz,
Postmaster,
Post Office Dept.,
Marshallville, Ohio.

Sir:-

Your letter of February 7th enclosing a $2.50 gold piece has been received. The piece is returned herewith and is not redeemable, as mutilated coins cannot be accepted by the Treasury Department except as bullion.

The piece has now bullion value and will be paid for at the rate of $20.67 an ounce for the gold contained.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encls.

February 11, 1919.

Mrs. G. W. Carroll,
121 W. Main Avenue,
Knoxville, Tenn.

Madam:-

Replying to your letter of recent date relative to gold and silver scrap, I beg to advise that the Mint at Denver will receive the gold and silver scrap but cannot handle tin foil or other metals other than gold or silver.

Payment for the gold will be made at the rate of $20.67 an ounce and the silver at $1.00 an ounce, after nominal charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes have been imposed.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

February 11, 1919.

Leet Brothers,
723-14th St. N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

Herewith find formal voucher covering your account for making prints and maps for this office in January 1917.

Please certify at the place marked by a cross in the margin and return to this office, when the bill will be placed in line for settlement.

No bill for this service appears to have been received by this office until about 18 months after the service was rendered.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L
Encl.

February 12, 1919.

Edward Thompson Co.,
Northport, L. I.,
New York.

Gentlemen:-

Herewith find formal Government voucher covering 1918 Supplement to Federal Statutes, Annoted (Second Edition).

Please sign at the place indicated in the margin by a cross and return voucher to this office when it will be placed in line for settlement.

Respectfully,

M. McBill

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
F-L

February 12, 1919.

Bureau of Mines,
Interior Department,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

With reference to your letter of January 17th last, stating that you are now prepared to make analyses of coal delivered to the various Government agencies, I have to request that a small supply of containers for forwarding samples, and forms to accompany said containers, be forwarded to the Superintendents of the Mints at Philadelphia, San Francisco and Denver.

Respectfully,

N. W. Rilby

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 12, 1919.

Messrs. Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

I am enclosing herewith vouchers covering express charges on shipment of January 31st, from New York to San Francisco, consisting of silver bullion to the value of $383,783.22, amounting to $2,993.50 and on shipment of same date from Philadelphia to San Francisco, consisting of silver bullion to the value of $2,319,741.68, amounting to $17,931.60.

Will you please place the vouchers in proper line for payment.

Respectfully,

[signature]

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encls.
C.L.

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February 13, 1919.

Mrs. C. H. Flagg,
548 B East,
Hutchsinson,
Kansas.

Madam:-

I am returning herewith the quarter dollar enclosed in your letter and beg to advise you that it is one of the regular issue of quarter dollars now being coined at the United States Mints.

Its design was adopted on July 9, 1917. Since that period no other designs have been used in manufacturing quarter dollars of the United States.

Respectfully,

N. Mc Radle

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

February 17, 1919.

F. Beinhauer & Co.,
1014-3rd Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of February 11th, I beg to advise you that there is no law which prohibits the total destruction of gold coins to be used in the arts. The penalty attaches to the fraudulent defacing of coins for the purpose of reducing their weight and restoring them to circulation.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

February 13, 1919.

United States
Civil Service Commission,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen;

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 11th relative to the case of James E. Hall, who is employed as a special guard in the Mint at Denver. Under date of February 8th the District Secretary of the Twelfth Civil Service District was advised that this Bureau desired to be allowed to continue the employment of Mr. Hall in the Mint at Denver, until he could be given an examination for the position of Watchman. I am enclosing herewith a copy of letter addressed to the District Secretary and very earnestly recommend that Mr. Hall be retained in the service under Section 4 of the Civil Service Rule VIII, pending the opportunity, which I trust will be given Mr. Hall, to take the examination.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

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February 13, 1919.

Keystone View Company,
47 West 42nd Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of February 11th, I regret to advise you that we have no photographs of Mint Processes. I would suggest that you address a letter to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, who may be able to advise you whether such photographs are obtainable from the local photographers in Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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February 13, 1919.

Miss Ruth Taylor,
Rocky Ford,
Colorado.

Madam:-

I am returning herewith the piece, said to be gold, forwarded with your letter of February 7th, and regret that we are unable to receive it as there is no place in Washington where the Government can handle such deposits.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

February 13, 1919.

Mr. Frank I. Morse,
9 Follen Street,
Back Bay,
Boston, Mass.

Sir:-

I am returning herewith the rings forwarded with your letter of recent date, and beg to advise you that there is no place in Washington where the Government receives such deposits.

The Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York receives deposits of old gold in quantities approximating $100. in value and over. The charges he would be obliged to impose for the melting of the two rings forwarded by you, would nearly absorb their entire value.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

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February 13, 1919.

Mr. S. H. Carnahan,
Gaston,
Oregon.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 6th enclosing Cuban coin together with a sketch. I am returning the same with the information that no changes in the designs of our coins are under contemplation, and furthermore an Act of Congress is required to make any alteration in the designs of coins.

Respectfully,

M. McRuly

Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

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February 13, 1919.

Leon Israel & Bros.,
225 Front Street,
San Francisco, Calif.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 5th, requesting a copy of the pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World."

I regret that we have no copies of this pamphlet for distribution and that we are obliged to refer you to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., where it can be obtained at ten cents a copy.

Respectfully,

R. Worthington

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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February 13, 1919.

Capt. D. B. Burnett,
Signal Corps General Supply Depot,
Sedgley & Erie Avenues,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 10th enclosing a letter from Anthony R. Mazullo, relative to an appointment in the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

It will be necessary for Mr. Mazullo to make application to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C. for blanks upon which to file an application for an examination for a position in the Mint Service, as all of the appointments are subject to Civil Service Examination.

I regret that we have no copies of these blanks in this Bureau.

Respectfully,

W. Woodin

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

February 18, 1919.

Mr. Ivan Wierman,
700 North M Street,
Harrisburg, Ill.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of recent date, I beg to advise you that the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York will receive deposits of old gold in quantities approximating in value $100. and over.

Payment is made by check on the Treasurer of the United States, after nominal charges are deducted from the value of the deposit for determining its value by melt and assay.

Gold is paid for at the rate of $20.67 an ounce.

Respectfully,

W. McFadden

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L.

February 13, 1919.

Mr. Thos. J. Taglianetti,
236 South Street,
Jamaica, N. Y. C.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of February 10th, I beg to advise you that the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York will receive deposits of old gold and silver in quantities approximating in value $100. and over.

Payment is made by check on the Treasurer of the United States, after nominal charges for determining the value of the deposit by melt and assay, are deducted.

Respectfully,

W. McRudy

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Director of the Mint, Wash. D.C.

"Con'tingent Expense, Assay Office at Salt Lake City 1919".

February 14 $

Brentanos,

F St. N. W., Washington, D. C.

Director of the Mint, Wash. D. C.

Funk & Wagnalls Dictionary	1	$5.	5	00
less 10% discount				50
			4	50

Director of the Mint.

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February 17, 1919.

American Railway Express Co.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed herewith find check drawn to your order for $2,993.50 covering express charges on shipment of January 31st from New York to San Francisco, and check for $17,931.60 covering express charges on shipment of same date from Philadelphia to San Francisco.

Kindly return enclosed vouchers duly receipted, and oblige,

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encls.
O-L

February 17, 1919.

Messrs. Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to advise you that the weight of the silver to be exported from the San Francisco Mint on the 22nd, is 2,101,005.90 gross ounces consisting of 1836 bars.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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February 18, 1919.

Mr. Daniel Sullivan,
308 W. 15th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of February 14th, I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a copy of the report made by the Committee, appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury, to investigate the gold industry.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

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February 18, 1919.

Mr. F. L. Tuck,
56 S. Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of February 13th, I beg to advise you that the Department has no coins, such as those you describe, for distribution to the public and I am unable to advise you where they can be procured.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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February 18, 1919.

Minneapolis Art Novelty Co.,
305 Nicollet Avenue,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of February 13th, I beg to advise you that gold bars are sold by the United States Assay Office at New York, in quantities valued at not less than $5,000.00. The bars are sold in different sizes, for which graduated charge is made according to the size of the bars, but the invoice must be of the value of not less than $5,000. This is in accordance with law.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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February 18, 1919.

Capt. Frederick Rutledge,
Asheville, N. C.

Sir:-

I am returning herewith the check enclosed in your letter of the 14th inst., asking for a Mexican Service Badge. I beg to call your attention to copy of the letter of the Adjutant General in which it is stated that you may "apply for authority to purchase one of the badges".

The application should be forwarded on the blank which was evidently sent to you by the Adjutant General's Office.

The Mint merely issues the badges after authority has been granted by the Adjutant General to an individual to receive them.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encls.

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The Yokohama Specie Bank Ltd.,
Equitable Building,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of February 17th, I beg to advise that the Government has made no purchase of silver under the Pittman Act.

For reply as to the amount of silver exported to India and other parts of the world, since the above act was passed, I have referred your letter to the Federal Reserve Board.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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February 18, 1919.

U. S. Railroad Administration,
Broad Street Station,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 15th, relative to a medal to be given to each of the employees of the Pennsylvania Railroad, who entered the military service during the war.

The law permits us to make dies for medals of national character but would not allow the making of the dies for the medal you describe. Even if the dies were supplied to the mint, it would be impossible for us to undertake the manufacture of the medals at the present time, owing to the very heavy pressure upon our mints for domestic and foreign coinage, which will tax the capacity of our mints until the end of the fiscal year.

Regretting that we cannot undertake this work for you, I am

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

February 18, 1919.

Mr. George Van Tuyl,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a medal issued to the Annual Assay Commission. As you were officially appointed, you are entitled to a copy of the medal which is presented each year to each member of the Commission.

I regret that you were unable to be present at the meeting of the Commission.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

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February 18, 1919.

Mr. William Hassan,
Oil City, Pa.

Sir:-

I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a medal issued to the Annual Assay Commission. As you were officially appointed, you are entitled to a copy of the medal which is presented each year to each member of the Commission.

I regret that you were unable to be present at the meeting of the Commission.

Respectfully.

Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

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February 18, 1919.

Mercantile Bank of the Americas,
44 Pine Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

I regret to advise you that the edition of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1915, is entirely exhausted.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

February 18, 1919.

Mr. M. Peters,
Deadwood,
Alaska.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of January 9th, I am enclosing herewith a copy of the report made by the Gold Committee, appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury to look into the gold situation.

I trust this report will give you the information you are seeking in regard to the Government's attitude on this question.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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February 18, 1919.

Mr. Philip Harris,
Rowlandsville,
Cecil County,
Maryland.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of February 16th enclosing a mutilated half dollar, I beg to advise you that the piece cannot be redeemed or purchased and I am returning it herewith.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

February 19, 1919.

Bureau of Navigation,
Navy Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Enclosed herewith an account for $3.15 covering the two duplicate West Indian Campaign Medals with extra bars, made for Benjamin B. Dillon and Ira M. Benford, in accordance with Navy Department letters of December 28th, copies of which are enclosed herewith.

In payment of this account please cause transfer to be made crediting the following appropriations for the support of the Mint at Philadelphia 1919:-

Wages of workmen	$2.75	
Contingent expense	.40	$3.15

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

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February 20, 1919.

Mr. A. C. Ebert,
2203 Ditmas Avenue,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of February 17th, I beg to say that I have taken pleasure in forwarding to Mr. J. J. Dunne, c/o Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Shanghai, China, a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1918.

His name has been placed on the mailing list for a copy of the report for the fiscal year 1919, which will be issued sometime late in this calendar year.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

February 20, 1919.

F. S. Webster Co.,
332-342 Congress St.,
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:-

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the circular issued by this Bureau the first of each quarter, namely, the "Value of Foreign Coins".

If you will forward ten cents to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. with the request that copy of "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World" be sent, that officer will supply the same. I regret that we have no copies of this pamphlet for gratuitous distribution.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

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February 20, 1919.

Hon. Peter J. Dooling,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Dooling:-

I have your letter of February 17th requesting that a copy of the report made by the Gold Committee be sent to Mr. Daniel Sullivan, 308 West 15th Street, New York City.

I take pleasure in stating that upon the request of Mr. Sullivan, a copy of this report was sent to him under date of February 18th.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

February 20, 1919.

Mr. Lawrence Milsop,
Smiths, Massachusetts.

Sir:-

Your letter of February 16th addressed to "Government Assayers", has reached this Bureau. In your letter you refer to enclosed specimens, which you state appear to be coal, but the letter contained no enclosures.

For your information, I beg to advise you that this office is not equipped for making analysis of coal. I would suggest that you address a letter to the Bureau of Mines, Interior Department, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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February 20, 1919.

Mr. G. T. Thomas,
Box 441,
Coahoma, Miss.

Sir:-

I am returning herewith the sample enclosed in your letter of recent date and regret to advise you that there is no institution in Washington where analysis of such pieces is made.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

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February 20, 1919.

Mr. Edward C. Sherman,
Moriches, L. I.,
New York.

Sir:-

I am returning herewith the blank disk sent by you on February 17th. The piece has no value, not bearing the stamp of coinage.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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February 20, 1919.

Mr. A. M. Durham,
R.F.D. #78,
Pelham, N. C.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of February 17th, you are advised that there is no appropriation at the disposal of this Department which can be utilized for development of the property you refer to.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

February 20, 1919.

Mr. George C. McIntyre,
American Smelting & Refining Co.,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Mr. McIntyre:-

I am pleased to learn that your duties on the Assay Commission were agreeable and that you enjoyed the experience.

It is necessary that the voucher for expenses be executed by an officer authorized to administer oaths and I am, therefore, returning your voucher herewith for such execution. Upon return of the voucher so executed, it will be placed in line for early settlement.

Regretting the delay caused by this requirement, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
F-L

February 20, 1919.

Senator William H. Borah,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Borah:-

I beg to acknowledge, by reference, receipt of the letter of Mr. J. C. Davis, dated February 12th, making inquiry in regard to charge for ore assays made at the Boise Assay Office. Replying, I beg to state that the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise, is required to make charges for all assays of ores made by him at that institution.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

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February 20, 1919.

American Machinery Syndicate,
35-37 West 39th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of February 18th, I regret to advise you that the Government does not publish weekly or monthly bulletins, which exactly state or describe the different procedings in mint operations or for the refining of gold and silver, special testing apparatus, etc.

Respectfully.

Director of the Mint.

O-L

February 21, 1919.

Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Referring to the inquiry of the Auditor for the Treasury Department, regarding a charge of $1.30 for a telegram sent from Denver appearing in my account, I beg to state that it was prepared and sent by the Ticket Agent of the Burlington Route at Denver and the answer received permitted him to issue upon a Government Transportation Request, a through railroad ticket and Pullman reservation from Denver to Washington in July 1918. The wording of the telegram is unknown to me. The charge was $1.50, but he returned to me 20¢ when I received the ticket the next day. Owing to the limited train service and the crowded condition of the cars it was essential that this should be done, otherwise, I should have been forced to remain in Chicago at least twenty four hours or continue my journey in an ordinary day coach.

Respectfully,

A. A. Hamer

Approved and respectfully forwarded to the Auditor for the Treasury Department.

Director of the Mint.

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February 21, 1919.

Messrs. Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed herewith please find voucher for $35,840.95 covering charges on shipment of February 11th, from Philadelphia to San Francisco, consisting of silver bullion to the value of $4,636,602.90.

Please place this account in proper line for payment and oblige,

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
C.-L

February 21, 1919.

Hon. Herbert J. Drane,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Drane:-

In compliance with your request, I have this day taken pleasure in forwarding to Mr. George E. Simpson, Vice President of the Latin American Bank, Ybor City, Florida, a copy of the last Annual Report of the Director of the Mint.

Mr. Simpson has been advised that the report has been sent at your request.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

February 21, 1919.

Disbursing Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Herewith I am returning voucher of E.D.Hawkins in sum of $64.00, with accompanying letter of the Auditor for the Treasury Department, dated February 18, 1919, and beg to submit the following information:-

The items of telephone charges in Washington and Lake Tahoe were local messages incident to expediting the Government business. The street carfare in Washington was also necessary for expediting the Government business. The telegram from Washington was sent on Sunday when Government offices are closed.

The matter of street carfare in New York was a necessary expense, the claimant being in a travveling status and entitled to actual necessary expenses incident thereto. Such carfare is allowable per MS. Comp. Dec. 85-705 and 81-1007.

Extracts from a letter from Mr. Hawkins, further explaining the items in question, are enclosed.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
F-L

February 21, 1919.

Massachusetts Bonding &
Insurance Company,
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of February 4, 1919, I beg to advise you that Mr. J. H. Presnell executed a bond with another company than yours, which was approved under date of January 16, 1918.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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February 21, 1919.

Mr. Henry Anderson,
Ishpeming, Mich.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of February 15th, I beg to advise you that this Department has no knowledge of a plan to utilize the one cent piece for commercial purposes, such as you describe in your letter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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February 24, 1919.

Mr. J. M. Herd,
Swink,
Oklahoma.

Sir:-

We have received the samples forwarded with your letter of recent date and visual examination indicates the material to be of no particular commercial value. In view of this fact, we are in doubt as to whether you would wish to go to the expense of an essay. If you still desire to have this done, I am obliged to request that the amount of the charges, $2.00, be forwarded with the package to the following address:-

"Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa."

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encls.

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February 24, 1919.

Mr. S. C. Ladd,
Rewey, Wisconsin.

Sir:-

I am returning herewith the quarter enclosed in your letter of the 21st inst., and beg to advise you that the same is genuine. This is the type of coin now being issued by the Mints and the only design of the quarter dollar now being coined.

Respectfully,

A. McKelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

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February 24, 1919.

Miss Flora B. Partridge,
49 Wellington Street,
Worcester, Mass.

Madam:-

Replying to your letter of recent date I beg to advise you that the Mints to not handle "bills". All the positions in the United States Mint Service are subject to Civil Service Examination. For information relative to examination which may be given in the future, I would suggest that you address a letter of inquiry to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully,

W. McPhail

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

February 24, 1919.

Brentano's,
F & 12th Streets,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:-

I am enclosing herewith a voucher covering the New Standard Dictionary which was ordered for the United States Assay Office at Seattle.

Please sign the enclosed voucher and forward same to this Bureau for transmission to the Assayer in Charge, United States Assay Office, Seattle, Washington.

Respectfully,

R. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

Washington,

2—4247

February 25, 1919.

Universal Screen Magazine,
1600 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Regret inexpediency of having photos taken of Mint Processes at this time.

Ray Baker

Director of Mint.

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Departmental Stock Form 2129.

February 25, 1913.

Mr. Frederico M. Quintana,
Charge d'Affaires ad interim,
Argentine Embassy.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th of February, enclosing a check on the First National Bank of Boston for FIFTY THOUSAND FIFTY-TWO and 45/100 DOLLARS ($50,052.45) in payment for 15,175,000 20-Centavo Nickel Blanks manufactured by the United States Mint at Philadelphia for your Government.

The check has been forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia with instructions to forward to you receipted vouchers in triplicate.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 25, 1919.

Mrs. Celia Epstein,
339 Charles Street,
Boston, Mass.

Madam:-

Replying to your letter of February 20th enclosing a locket, I beg to advise you that it would be impracticable for us to accept the same, as the charges we would be obliged to impose for melting it would nearly absorb its entire value.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

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February 25, 1919.

Mr. T. C. Hawkins, Asst. Mgr.,
American Engineering & Operating Co.,
Parral, Chihuahua,
Mexico.

Sir:-

Replying to yours of the 30th ult. The best single book for you to consult is Schnabels Handbook of Metallurgy translated by Henry Louis and published by the MacMillans. Percys Metallurgy, Silver and Gold, Part I, published by Murray gives much information, but is old and out of print. Various papers have been presented to the Am. Inst. Mining Engineers containing data on the subject, particularly in descriptions of plants and their operation and an examination of a file of the Trans. might help you. The same may be said of the Inst. of Mining and Metallurgy, London.

In our mint service all precious metals of high grade are now produced by the electric current. The process for silver is founded upon the well known Moebius process, many descriptions of which can be found in technical literature, electrical as well as metallurgical. A rather old description of our operations will be found in Elec. World June 25, 1910, abstracted in Engineering and Mining Jr. July 30th 1910.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

D-L

February 25, 1919.

Mr. F. J. Bracht,
1761 Avenue A,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of February 20th, I beg to advise you that the Lafayette dollar was authorized by an Act of Congress, March 3, 1919. It will be redeemed at its face value by the Treasurer.

I am unable to advise you whether coin dealers would offer a premium for this piece or not. Congress authorized the coinage of $50,000 worth of these pieces.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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February 25, 1919.

Mr. J. T. Jones,
Pelham, Georgia.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of February 20th, I beg to advise you that there is no penalty attached to the soldering of pins on gold coins to be used as ornaments.

The penalty attaches to fraudulently reducing the weight of gold coins and restoring them to circulation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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February 26, 1919.

Fayette Smokeless Fuel Co.,
Mount Hope,
West Virginia.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of Feb. 25th, I beg to advise you that the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York will receive deposits of old gold and silver in quantities approximating in value $100. and over, and make payment for same by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Nominal charges are deducted from the value of the deposit for determining the same by melt and assay.

Gold is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce and silver at $1.00 per ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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February 26, 1919.

Wells Fargo & Co. Express,
65 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:-

Herewith I am returning your bills, numbered A-11-89, 92½ and 93, in amounts $561.91, $657.20 and $350.51, attention invited to the items covering shipments from Philadelphia to Boston. These items should be billed at the rate of 1% of the value of the coin shipped, instead of at the rate charged; the 1% rate being less and therefore applicable as per the arrangments under the old United States Express contract.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 26, 1919.

Mr. Albert H. Yoder,
State Normal School,
Whitewater, Wis.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of February 21st, I regret to advise you that we have no copies of the pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World" for gratuitous distribution. If you will forward ten cents to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. with the request that a copy of the mentioned pamphlet be sent you, I am sure that that officer will comply with your request.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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February 26, 1919.

American Railway Express Co,,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed herewith find check for $35,840.95 to cover express charges on shipment of silver from Philadelphia to San Francisco on February 11th, consisting of 5,497 bars weighing 4,635,602.90 ounces.

Kindly return enclosed vouchers duly receipted and oblige,

Yours very truly,

Director of the Mint.

Encls.
O-L

February 27, 1919.

Mr. Fred S. Biles,
Trenton, N. J.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of February 25th, I beg to advise you that this office has not information in regard to the mining company about which you inquire.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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February 27, 1919.

The American Metal Co. Ltd.,
61 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

I am returning herewith your letter of February 25th and beg to request that this notice be forwarded to the institution of the Mint Service to which you sold the copper.

This office has no record of this sale.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

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February 27, 1919.

Mr. John Anderson,
Box 27, R.F.D.,
Haymarket, Va.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of February 25th, I regret that I am unable to advise you where to dispose of gold quartz.

The Assay Office at New York will purchase gold bullion in quantities approximating $100. in value and over, and pay for the same by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

The institutions of the Mint Service do not handle quartz.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

C-L

February 28, 1919.

Wells Fargo & Co. Express,
119 West 19th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Herewith I am returning your bill No. A-11-272, in amount $1,771.60, for transportation of minor coin, with the request that the items covering shipments from Denver be put on a separate voucher from those covering shipments from Philadelphia, as the bills have to go the various institutions after approval in this office, for payment.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L
Encl.

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February 28, 1919.

American Railway Express Co.,
65 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Herewith I am returning your bill No. A-11-74, in amount $18.27, with request that the services rendered be billed at the rate of $7.73 per M dollars to conform with special rate given March 15, 1917, by Wells Fargo & Co. Express to the Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

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February 28, 1919.

Mr. H. P. Leighton,
25 Union Avenue,
Old Orchard, Me.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of February 25th, I beg to advise you that the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York will receive deposits of old gold and silver in quantities approximating in value $100. and over, and make payment for the same by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Nominal charges are deducted from the value of the deposit for determining the same by melt and assay.

Gold is paid for at the rate of $2.67 per ounce and silver at $1.00 per ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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February 28, 1919.

G. Amsinck & Company,
90-96 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Your letter of February 25th, addressed to the United States Mint at Philadelphia relative to coinage for Salvador, has been forwarded to this office for reply.

I beg to advise you that the charge for coining 2,000,000 5-centavo nickel pieces for the Government of Salvador will be at the rate of $4.00 per M. pieces. It is understood that the alloy be 75% copper and 25% nickel. Tolerance is 2 grains, the diameter 23 millimeters and the weight 5 grams.

The cost to be quoted includes working dies. The metal which would have to be furnished to the Mint at Philadelphia is as follows:-

16,534.2858 Lbs. Electrolytic Copper
(99.90 Copper Contents)

5,511.4286 Lbs. Shot Nickel (99.00
Nickel Cobalt Contents)

Boxes or kegs for shipping will be additional to the coinage costs.

The coinage can be undertaken on receipt of metal and completed in about thirty days.

The request for this coinage would have to come, as you know, through the State Department, from the duly accredited representitive

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of the Salvador Government at this capital. The Salvador Minister would be required by us, to name an agent who would represent him in receiving the coins and making payment for the same at the Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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February 28, 1919.

Mr. D. R. Perkins,
Capital Hotel,
Madison, Wis.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of February 26th, I beg to advise you that the United States Assay Office at New York will receive deposits of old gold and silver in quantities approximating in value $100.00 and over, and make payment for the same by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Nominal charges are deducted from the value of the deposit for determining the same by melt and assay.

Gold is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce and silver at $1.00 per ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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March 1, 1919.

Wells Fargo & Co. Express,
65 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Herewith enclosed find your voucher No. A-11-100, in amount $116.08, accompanied by certificate of shipment covering lost Bill of Lading. This voucher should be accompanied by correspondence tending to show that Bill of Lading was lost or destroyed, as required by certificate signed by A.M.Joyce, Superintendent, Philadelphia Mint. It should also be accompanied by a statement that if the original Bill of Lading is subsequently found, it will at once be surrendered to the United States without demand as required by paragraph 11 of conditions and instructions on reverse of certificate of shipment.

Respectfully,

R. McReady

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Encl.
F-L

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March 1, 1919.

Messrs. Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed please fine voucher for $6,575.11 covering charges on shipment of February 11th from New York to San Francisco, consisting of silver bullion to the value of $842,962.86.

Will you please place the same in proper line for payment?

Respectfully,

M. McPadden

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

March 3, 1919.

Wells Fargo & Co. Express,
119 W. 19th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:--

Herewith find your bill A-11-270, in amount $265.16, for transportation of minor coin from San Francisco to New York.

Please cause revised bill to be rendered at the special rate of $1.94 per hundred dollars, provided in letter of March 15, 1917 to the Director of the Mint.

Your bill A-11-271, in amount $186.39, for transportation of minor coin from Philadelphia, is also enclosed herewith for signature and return.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encls.
F-L

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March 5, 1919.

Mr. M.A.Coleman, Secretary to
the Financial Commissioner,
American Commission to
Negotiate Peace,
Paris, France.

Dear Sir:-

Responding to your request of February 13th, I take pleasure in enclosing herewith copies of the circular entitled "Value of Foreign Coins".

I have also placed the name of Mr. Norman H. Davis, Financial Commissioner, on the mailing list to receive this publication as it is issued from time to time.

Cordially yours,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
C-L

March 3, 1919.

American Optical Company,
South Bridge,
Mass.

Gentlemen:-

I take pleasure in enclosing herewith as per your request of February 26, 1919, copy of your report to this office for the year 1917 covering the quantity of gold and silver used by you during that year.

Please accept my thanks for your report covering the calendar year 1918 which accompanied said letter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
F-L

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March 4, 1919.

Mr. Chester T. Kennan,
Spokane, Washington.

Sir:-

Your letter of February 21st, addressed to Hon. Carter Glass, has been referred to this Bureau. I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a copy of the report made by the Gold Committee on the subject of the stimulation of the production of gold.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

March 4, 1919.

Mr. Edward C. Jenkins,
The International Committee
of the Y. M. C. A.,
347 Madison Avenue,
New York. N.Y.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of March 3rd, I beg to advise you that the full weight of the silver dollar is 26.7301 grammes. The weight of the fine silver contained in the silver dollar is 24.0570 grammes.

Respectfully,

M. Paul Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O.-L

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Auditor of Passenger Accounts,
Baltimore & Ohio Railroad,
Baltimore, Md.

Sir:-

Below is a copy of letter dated August 9, 1918, forwarded to you to which no reply has as yet been received. Early information concerning status of the matter would be appreciated:-

"Enclosed find receipts numbers K25367 and 25368, covering tickets deposited at the Washington Terminal by employees of the Mint service, enroute from San Francisco to Philadelphia and New York respectively.

The tickets were unused beyond Washington, on account of the change in rates effective June 15, 1918.

Please refund the amount due for unused portion of tickets, making check payable to the Director of the Mint, Treasury Department."

Respectfully,

[signature]
Director of the Mint.

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March 4, 1919.

General Passenger Agent,
Pennsylvania Railroad,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Please refer to letter of this office dated August 9, 1918, enclosing milage books and other tickets, with request for refund; your reply of Sept. 10, 1918 giving redemption value of the milage books and other information concerning the tickets; and further communication of this office dated September 13, 1918 concerning unused portion of one of the tickets.

No refund has been received covering any of these vouchers nor has further information concerning same been received.

Early information concerning the status of these matters would be appreciated.

Respectfully,

M. McKelly
Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

March 4, 1919.

Auditor of Receipts,
Pullman Car Lines,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:-

Herewith I am forwarding transfer ticket covering Pullman accomodations (lower berth in standard sleeper) from Truckee to Oakland, on January 11, 1918, the accomodations called for not having been used by the traveler owing to the use of a train to which no Pullman cars were attached.

The ticket was orginally furnished on transportation request No. T16479 under date of July 8, 1918 from Chicago to San Francisco. Charges are billed on your voucher No. ED64521, dated Sept. 11, 1918, in amount $13.00; the voucher having received the approval of this office for settlement in the amount rendered by the Auditor.

Refund for the value of the unused accomodations should be made by check drawn to the order of the Director of the Mint, Treasury Department, and forwarded to the same official.

Respectfully,

M. McKeogh

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
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March 4, 1919.

Mercantile Bank of the Americas,
44 Pine Street,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

In reply to your communication VG-MF of the 3rd instant concerning the Turkish Monetary Law, as published in the Report of the Director of the Mint for the year 1916, I have to advise that error occurred as mentioned, the cipher in each instance having been misplaced at the end of the line of figures comprising the decimal, instead of at its beginning.

Under separate cover I am forwarding copy of the Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World, compiled in this office, reference being made to page 56 whereon the Turkish Monetary System is correctly stated.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
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March 4, 1919.

Mr. A. J. Lowry,
Box 182,
Templeton, Pa.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of February 27th, I beg to advise you that the piece you describe is what is known as a "token piece". Several types of these pieces were issued during the Civil War. They have no particular value.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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March 5, 1919.

Mr. A. H. Yoder,
State Normal School,
Whitewater, Wis.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 1st, enclosing twenty cents for two copies of the pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World".

The twenty cents has been forwarded to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, and that official will forward you two copies of the pamphlet you desire.

The book to which you refer in the second paragraph of your letter is entitled "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint at Philadelphia", and is sold by the Public Printer, Government Printint Office, Washington, D. C., at $1.00 a copy.

Respectfully,

R. M. Reed

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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March 5, 1919.

The Yokohama Specie Bank Ltd.,
Equitable Building,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of March 4th, I beg to advise you that the Government is purchasing silver contained in gold deposits and paying for the same at the rate of $1.00 an ounce.

Respectfully,

M McFarlane

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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March 5, 1919.

Chief of the Bureau
of Insular Affairs,
War Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 3rd relative to coinage dies for the Mint at Manila. The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has this day been instructed to cause the dies to be prepared and forwarded as you request.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O--L

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American Railway Express Co.,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed herewith find check drawn to your order for ---------- $6,575.11, covering express charges on shipment of silver from New York to San Francisco on February 11th, consisting of 915 bars weighing 842,962.86 ounces.

Kindly return enclosed vouchers duly receipted and oblige,

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

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March 6, 1919.

Asst. Federal Treasurer,
Pa. R. R., Eastern Lines,
Broad Street Station,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 3rd inst., I & C. File No. 6099, I have to advise that your bill No. 519/325 for $1.86, was settled by the Auditor for the Treasury Department, Jan. 13, 1919, settlement No. 7177. The total amount of the warrant to be issued under said settlement was $46.86.

Your bill #519/326 in the sum of $1.14, was returned to you May 7, 1918 and has not since been received by this office. Following is a copy of the part of the letter of May 7, 1918, pertaining to this bill:-

"There is also enclosed your bill No. 519/326. This bill is unsupported by any evidence of shipment having been made and of the delivery of the shipment to the Consignee. It is therefore requested that the usual certificate of shipment be provided on the form enclosed herewith".

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 6, 1919.

Mr. Albert M. Amnat,
c/o Calco Chemical Co.
Ave R, Lincoln Highway,
Newark, N. J.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of March 5th, I beg to advise that this Department is unable to give you a list of prices of the metals enumerated in your communication. I beg to suggest that you consult a current issue of the financial papers which carry daily quotations on metals and minerals.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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March 6, 1919.

G.E.Stechert & Co.,
155 West 25th St.,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of February 24th, I beg to advise you that the Mints do not issue publications.

Under separate cover I am forwarding a copy of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint, which I hope will be of interest to you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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March 6, 1919.

Auditor for the Navy Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

With reference to the attached papers, copy of letter forwarding the bill in question to the Navy Department for settlement, containing the information requested, follows:-

"January 7, 1919.

Bureau of Navigation,
Navy Department,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed please find the account of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia amount to $1.85, covering the cost of duplicate West Indian Campaign medal for Louis Gerson.

In payment of this account please cause the following appropriations for the support of the Mint at Philadelphia 1919, to be credited:-

Wages of Workmen, -------	$1.60
Contingent Expense, -----	.25
Total, ----------	$1.85

Respectfully,

(Signed) R.T.BAKER.

Director of the Mint."

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 7, 1919.

Hon. B. H. Snell,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Snell:

Replying to your letter of March 6th relative to a medal presented to Major General Alexander Macomb by Resolution of Congress, November 3, 1814, I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a list of the medals, including the one awarded to Major General Macomb, which can be obtained at the United States Mint, Philadelphia.

Very truly yours,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 7, 1919.

General Passenger Agent,
Pa. R. R., Eastern Lines,
Broad Street Station,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I have your letter of the 6th inst., file 61H, replying to mine of the 4th concerning refund on various unused milage and other tickets, and note that your voucher for $47.40 will be canceled and duplicate issued for like amount.

With reference to unused coupon, Portland to Seattle, of New York - San Francisco excursion ticket, I have to advise that Treasury Department order #16421, mentioned by you, is in this office attached to your bill #518/178, which bill is being held pending further information concerning unused coupon in question.

Respectfully,

A. mc Billy

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 8, 1919.

G. Amsinck & Co. Inc.,
90-96 Wall Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of March 7th, I beg to state that the cost of working dies to be made for the proposed coinage for the Salvador Government, is included in the charge for coinage at the rate of $4.00 per M pieces.

Respectfully,

A. Vanfleet

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

March 10, 1919.

John Mackay & Co.,
Toronto General Trusts Bldg.,
85 Bay Street,
Toronto, Canada.

Gentlemen:-

Your letter of the 25th of February, addressed to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, has this day been received at this Bureau.

I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a copy of the report made by the special committee, appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury, to consider the stimulation of the gold production.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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March 10, 1919.

Hon. Edgar R. Kiess,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Kiess:-

Replying to your letter of March 7th, I take pleasure in advising you that copies of the report of the Director of the Mint for the years 1906 and 1907 have been sent, as you request, to Mr. Arthur E. Hevner, Renovo, Pa.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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March 10, 1919.

Wells Fargo & Co. Express,
119 West 19th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Herewith find bill of lading No. T231022, which pertains to your bill No. A-12-53.

Please have the consignee insert the weight of coin received, and return to this office, when the bill mentioned will be placed in line for settlement.

Respectfully,

M. McRoberts

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
F-L

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March 10, 1919.

The American Metal Co. Ltd.,
Commercial Accounting Dept.,
61 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

With reference to your letters of February 25th and March 1st, relative to the account for copper delivered to the Mint at Denver, I beg to state that this office is in receipt of a reply, by reference, from the Mint at Denver, that the amount in question was settled by check payment upon the day succeeding the receipt of the copper, namely February 28th.

Respectfully,

M. McReily

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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March 10, 1919.

Mr. W. H. Newbell,
Lebanon, Tenn.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of March 8th, I beg to advise that the only fifty dollar gold pieces issued by the United States Government, were those manufactured for the Panama Pacific International Exposition. It is understood that they were sold by the Commission for $100.00 each.

There are none in the Treasury and I am unable to advise you where you can procure one.

Respectfully,

A. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

March 10, 1919.

Mr. Wm. S. Hunt,
The Sunday Call,
204 Market St.,
Newark, N. J.

Sir:-

Replying to your request of the 7th inst., referred to this Bureau by the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, I am enclosing herewith copy of the report of the Director of the Mint for 1918, on page 122-135 of which you will find the various coinages executed at each mint up to the calendar year 1917, and there is also enclosed herewith statement showing the coinage made during 1918, all of which cover your inquiry.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

AAH-RL
Encls.

March 11, 1919.

Mr. A.M.Huddleston,
Gamaliel, Arkansas.

Sir:-

I am returning herewith the metal enclosed in your letter of recent date and beg to advise you that it has no value, the same appearing to be copper.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

March 11, 1919.

Mr. Peter E. Apgar,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 24th, relative to your status in the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

The letter has been forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, for his information.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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March 11, 1919.

Mr. D. I. Walker,
522 Pender Street West,
Vancouver, B. C.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of March 10th, I beg to advise that the laboratories of the United States Mint Service do not make, for the public, assays of platinum or kindred metals.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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March 12, 1919.

Mr. E.J.Leibensperge,
Pittsburgh Dormitory Assn.,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of March 9th, I beg to advise you that the motto "In God We Trust", was first placed on the two cent piece, in accordance with the Act passed April 22, 1864.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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March 12, 1919.

F. H. Sadler Co.,
Attleboro, Mass.

Gentlemen:-

I am returning herewith unopened, the package forwarded by you, said to contain "exhibit #1 and #2". There is no institution in Washington under the government where assays are made for the public.

I am enclosing herewith a card indicating the government institutions at which assays are made and the charges imposed for the same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encls.
O-L

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March 12, 1919.

Mr. A. B. Scott,
Fairmont,
West Virginia.

Sir:-

The packages forwarded by you enclosing jewelry scrap have been sent to the United States Assay Office at New York. There is no institution in Washington under the government where such material is received.

Payment will be made by check on the Treasurer of the United States for the gold and silver contents, after charges have been deducted for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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March 13, 1919.

Mercantile Bank of the Americas,
44 Pine Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of March 11th, I regret to advise you that we have not in this office a copy of the law passed by Salvador in August 1897 adopting the Gold Standard.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

March 13, 1919.

Mr. Rodney E. Marshall,
Secretary to Senator Hale,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Marshall:-

In response to your request of March 12th, I have taken pleasure in forwarding to Mr. Hitchings a copy of the report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1918, and have advised Mr. Hitchings that it has been sent to him at the request of Senator Hale.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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March 13, 1919.

Hon. Houston B. Teehee,
Register of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Register:-

Referring to your verbal inquiry as to the value of the steel and copper in worn dies, I beg to state that the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia informs this Bureau that he cannot utilize the material.

Yours very truly,

Director of the Mint.

O.L

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March 13, 1919.

Farmers State Bank,
Moose Lake,
Minnesota.

Gentlemen:-

Your letter of March 6th addressed to the Division of Loans and Currency, Treasury Department, has today been delivered to this office. The twenty dollar gold piece, which you stated has been charred by fire, has also been received and together with your letter has been forwarded to the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

The Superintendent of that institution will remit to you a check for the value of the gold contained in the piece.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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March 15, 1919.

Messrs. Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed herewith please find voucher for $53,780.00 covering charges on shipment of February 28th from Philadelphia to San Francisco, consisting of silver bullion to the value of $6,957,308.47, also voucher for $9,567.38 covering charges on shipment of March 6th from New York to San Francisco, consisting of silver bullion to the value of $1,226,587.86.

Will you please place the same in proper line for payment?

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encls.

March 13, 1919.

Messrs. Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of Check No. 108, dated March 4th, 1919, for $6,575.11 in payment of transportation charges on shipment of silver bullion valued at $842,962.86 from New York to San Francisco, February 11th, 1919.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

March 13, 1919.

Messrs. Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to advise you that the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco states that the shipment of silver from his Mint, March 15th, will consist of 3192 bars weighing 3,640,574.25 gross ounces.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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March 13, 1919.

Mr. F. C. Caldwell,
Ohio State University,
Columbus, Ohio.

Sir:-

I have your letter of March 10th relative to a proposed inspection trip for the members of your senior electrical engineering class, including a visit to the city of Philadelphia.

I regret to advise you that the Mint at Philadelphia is not yet open to visitors, all institutions having closed to visitors shortly after the opening of the war.

No time has been fixed by the Department for opening such institutions for inspection by the public, otherwise I would be very glad to cause the courtesies of this institution to be extended to you and your students.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

March 13, 1919.

Mr. Hugo Michaelsen,
Frederiksberggade 1 A.
Copenhagen, Denmark.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 1st of February, 1919, relative to silver, nickel and bronze blanks for the Danish Royal Mint, and beg to suggest that you address the Danish Consul at New York for a list of names of manufacturers who might be able to supply you with the bars you desire.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 14, 1919.

Lt. Raymond W. Miller,
Co. H, 50th Infantry,
Camp Dix, N. J.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of March 15th, I beg to advise you that all of the positions in the United States Mints and Assay Offices are under Civil Service.

Appointments are subject to Civil Service Examination.

Respectfully,

W. McPhail

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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March 14, 1919.

Mrs. Eda Day,
Leola,
South Dakota.

Madam:-

Replying to your letter of recent date, I beg to advise you that foreign coin is purchased at the United States Assay Office at New York as bullion. The gold is paid for at the rate of $20.67 an ounce and silver at the rate of $1.00 per ounce after nominal charges have been deducted for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

I beg to call your attention to the fact that the quantity forwarded to the Assay Office should approximate in value $100.00 and over. The offices of the Mint Service are not required to receive deposits of small quantities of foreign coin.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

March 14, 1919.

Messrs. Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed please find voucher in amount $23,892.33 covering charges on shipment of silver bullion, March 6, 1919, from Philadelphia to San Francisco, valued at $3,090,856.62.

Please place same in proper line for payment and oblige,

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

March 14, 1919.

McGraw-Hill Book Co. Inc.,
239 West 39th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

It is the intention to retain for official use of this office the copy of Schulze's Office Administration. Will you please advise me if there is a discount to the Government?

I am enclosing herewith voucher upon which you are requested to render account for the same.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encls.
O-L

March 14, 1919.

General Passenger Agent,
Pennsylvania Railroad,
Eastern Lines,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

As per request in your letter of the 13th inst., file 61-q, I am forwarding herewith transportation request No. T16421 pertaining to your bill #518/178.

Prompt return is requested.

Respectfully,

W. McRaels

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
F-L

March 14, 1919.

United States Civil
Service Commission,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of March 11th relative to the reinstatement of Mr. Walter L. Stairs to the position of clerk in the United States Mint San Francisco, I beg to state that Mr. Stairs resigned from the Mint Service to enter the Navy on Sept. 22, 1917. He was honorably discharged from the Navy and on the strenght of the same has been reinstated to his former position in the Mint.

Respectfully,

M. McRielly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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March 13, 1919.

Mr. H. L. Glenn,
Assistant Assayer,
U. S. Assay Office,
Seattle, Washington.

Sir:-

You are hereby authorized to visit Takoma to be present at the sampling and weighing of slag to be sold the Takoma Smelting Company.

Your actual necessary expenses will be reimbursed to you on rendition of an account, payable from the appropriation "contingent expense, Assay Office at Seattle 1919".

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Assistant Secretary.

F-L

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March 14, 1919.

Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

Please accept my thanks for report of gold and silver bullion disposed of by your company, for domestic use, during the calendar year 1918, forwarded with your letter of the 13th instant.

In reply to your inquiry concerning silver bullion exported from the ports of New York and San Francisco during the calendar year 1918, beg to advise that the total domestic silver bullion including silver-dollar bullion, was - from New York 42,937,565 fine ounces; from San Francisco 195,552,247 fine ounces.

Trusting that this will meet your requirements, I am

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

March 15, 1919.

Automatic Register Co.,
10 Wall Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of March 12th, I beg to state that this office has no knowledge of any action having been taken by Congress looking to the authorizing of a coin of a new denomination. Should a bill be introduced regarding the same it is assumed that the measure would be referred to the Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measure.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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March 15, 1919.

Mr. H. Mcleod,
Government Express Accountant,
American Railway Express,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Will you kindly forward to this office the following printed matter for use in verification of charges on bills rendered for transportation of various materials:-

Official classification #26.

I.C.C. circular #5, July 10th, 1918, increasing rates.

Block tariff tables for blocks containing.-

	Block No.
Baltimore, Md.	1049
Boston, Mass.	754
Chicago, Ill.	838
Cincinnati, Ohio.	1041
Denver, Colo.	1021
New Orleans, La.	2035
New York, N.Y.	952
Philadelphia, Pa.	1050
San Francisco, Cal.	1203
St. Louis, Mo.	1135
Washington, D.C.	1148
Boise, Idaho.	609
Carson City, Nev.	1006
Seattle, Wash.	203
Helena, Mont.	313
Deadwood, S.D.	522
Salt Lake City, Utah.	914

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We have on file joint directory of express stations, issued Jan. 1, 1914, also first and second class scale tables #3. If later issues of these publications have been made, it is requested that copies be forwarded.

I would also appreciate copies of any special rates, now in effect, covering transportation of domestic coin of the different denominations, also of gold and silver bullion.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

March 17, 1919.

Mr. F.E.Cooper,
The World,
New York City.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of March 14th, I beg to advise you that the value of a fine ounce of silver in 1918 at the average London quotation of 47-9/16 pence was $1.04264, and the ratio of silver to gold in 1918 at the London average price was 19.83-.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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March 17, 1919.

Mr. J.M.Bienfang,
912 Main Street,
Jefferson, Wis.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of March 13th, I beg to advise you that Congress authorized a modification in the die of the quarter dollar and there are two types in circulation.

The only design now being used is that which has the three stars under the eagle.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

March 17, 1919.

Mr. Henry B. Gardner,
Brown University,
Providence, R.I.

Sir:-

I regret to advise you that the edition of the pamphlet "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World" has been exhausted new edition is about to be prepared. I will take pleasure in having your name placed on the mailing list for a copy as soon as we have a supply of the pamphlet for distribution.

Respectfully,

W. McRelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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March 17, 1919.

American Railway Express Co.,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed herewith find check for $53,780.00 covering express charges on shipment of silver from Philadelphia to San Francisco on February 28th, consisting of 8253 bars weighing 6,957,308.47 ounces.

There is also enclosed check for $9,567.38 covering express charges on shipment of silver from New York to San Francisco on March 6th, consisting of 1331 bars weighing 1,226,587.86 ounces.

Kindly return vouchers duly receipted and oblige.

Respectfully,

H. McPherson

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encls.
O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

March 17, 1919.

Asst. Federal Treasurer,
Pa. R. R., Eastern Lines,
Broad Street Station,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

As per request in your letter of the 14th inst., I am returning herewith statement and affidavit pertaining to lost voucher for $47.40 refund on unused mileage tickets.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F.L
Encl.

March 17, 1919.

Mr. Geo. P. Kohler,
15 East 26th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of March 15th, I beg to advise that the United States Assay Office at New York will purchase foreign gold coin and pay for the same at bullion value after deducting charges for fitting such material for coinage purposes.

Payment is made by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

B. M. Rolfe

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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March 17, 1919.

The Asst. Attorney General,
641 Washington Street,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Replying to your inquiry of February 28th, addressed to F.J.H.Von Engelken, (former) Director of the Mint, I have to advise that by a decree signed May 22, 1911, the Portugeese Government adopted the new monetary system; the unit fixed was the gold escudo which contains the same amount of gold as the former milreis, equivalent to $1.0805 United States currency.

I am unable to state positively that the milreis and escudo are at the present time equivalent to each other.

Respectfully.

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

March 18, 1919.

Mr. J. S. Granger,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

In accordance with the request contained in your letter of March 15th, I am enclosing herewith a copy of the circular entitled "Value of Foreign Coins", which is issued quarterly.

I have taken pleasure in causing your name to be placed on the mailing list to receive future copies of this circular.

Respectfully,

M. Woodin,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

March 18, 1919.

Mr. Milton Sklarz,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

The matter of your transportation to San Francisco and return last year has not as yet been settled, as you will note by the enclosures; namely, transportation request #T16421, letter of the General Passenger Agent, Pennsylvania Railroad Company dated March 17, 1919 and copy of letter of this office dated Sept. 13, 1918.

With return of these enclosures please let me have in duplicate such information requested by the General Passenger Agent as is available.

Respectfully,

M. McRell

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 19, 1919.

McGraw-Hill Book Co. Inc.,
239 West 39th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 17th stating that you do not allow any discount to the Government except on lots of ten or more of the book entitled "Office Administration".

As this Bureau is able to obtain this book at the usual discount of ten per cent, allowed to the Government, I am obliged to return the same to you.

Respectfully,

M. McKelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

March 19, 1919.

Mr.H.C.Rizer, Chief Clerk,
U. S. Geological Survey,
Interior Department,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Rizer:-

I am in receipt of yours of March 18th sending Mr. Williams's letter to me. I am forwarding the same to him in care of General Delivery, Taft, California.

Thanking you for the interest you have taken in thematter, I am

Yours very truly,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

OR

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March 19, 1919.

Wells Fargo & Co. Express,
119 W. 19th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Herewith I am returning your bill No. A-12-65 in amount $542.77, inviting attention to discrepancy between the Consignor's and Consignee's shipping weights on Bill of Lading No. 131073, also to letter of the Consignor making correction of shipping weight.

This correction still leaves a discrepancy of 10 pounds between the Consignor and Consignee. The Consignee should be requested to correct his receiving weight or else the account should be billed at the Consignee's weight.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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P-L
Encl.

March 19, 1919.

Chief of Ordnance,
War Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Herewith find bill of the Philadelphia Mint for manufacture of medals, which bill is supported by copy of your letter for same dated Feb. 10, 1919.

Please cause the amount of the bill $1961.15, to be transferred to the credit of the appropriations indicated below:-

Wages of workmen, Mint at Philadelphia 1919 ------	$629.28
Contingent expense, Mint at Philadelphia 1919 ---	1351.87
Total ----------	$1981.15

The Superintendent of the Mint states that a letter acknowledging the receipt of these medals was requested but not received.

Respectfully,

N. W. Taylor

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
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FFICE OF
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O QUOTE INITIALS

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

January 9, 1919.

Gentlemen:

Our usual request for data from which to prepare final estimate of the production of gold and silver in the United States during the calendar year 1918 is being forwarded to the smelting and refining interests of the country, together with forms on which to record the data. This inquiry may be addressed to some firms which do not produce gold or silver, but if the material worked contained either of those metals, the source and disposition of same is needed in order to trace back the final product through them to the state where mined.

Please report the quantities of gold and silver (ounces 1000 fine) received from all sources and in all forms. Distribution of receipts by states in which produced (mined rather than smelted) so far as practicable, is desired, and where this cannot be given, indication of the quantities received from other companies or works, naming each works and the quantities received therefrom. In order to avoid duplication it is important that all shipments to you by works which handle materials mined in more than one state, and all shipments by you to refineries and other works, be entered in detail under the headings provided. If receipts from ore buyers are reported as such, please give addresses as well as names of the buyers in order that this office may make inquiry from them as to the state or territory in which their shipments were mined.

As heretofore the information furnished will be treated as confidential and will be used only in the compilation of aggregates.

The blanks are being forwarded in duplicate, one copy to be retained for your files if desired.

Your reply may be forwarded in the enclosed franked envelope which requires no postage.

Thanking you for your continued co-operation in this matter,

I am

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

March 19, 1919.

Clarksburgh Clinkering Co.,
Bridgeport,
West Virginia.

Gentlemen:-

May I refer to request of this office dated January 9, 1919, for data from which to prepare final estimate of the production of gold and silver in the United States during the calendar year 1918, reply to which has not yet been received.

Replies from most of the firms addressed are now in this office and forwarding of the information requested from you, at an early date, will be much appreciated.

As it is possible that former request has been mislaid, I am enclosing herewith copies of the letter and forms sent out in January.

Again thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I am

Yours truly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encls.
F-L

March 20, 1919.

American Railway Express Co.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed herewith find check drawn to your order for $23,892.33 covering express charges on shipment of silver from the Philadelphia Mint to San Francisco on March 6th, consisting of 3682 silver bars weighing 3,090,856.62 ounces.

Kindly return enclosed vouchers duly receipted.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

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March 20, 1919.

Miss S. B. Faison,
Dudley,
North Carolina.

Madam:-

I am enclosing herewith the Bulgarian two cent piece forwarded in your package addressed to the United States Government Office, Washington, D. C., and beg to advise that it is not redeemable by the government.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly.
Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

March 20, 1919.

National City
Bank of New York,
Foreign Exchange Dept.,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Herewith I am enclosing copy of the last issue of the circular Value of Foreign Coins, with the usual request for revision of the column "remarks" as to rates of exchange.

If possible, will you kindly have same returned so as to reach this office by the 28th inst?

Respectfully,

M. McRilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 20, 1919.

General Passenger Agent,
Pennsylvania Railroad,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

With further reference to letters of this office dated Aug. 9th and Sept. 13, 1918 and to your letter of March 17, 1919, file 61-q, I beg to state that the routing indicated on transportation request No. T16421, for ticket from New York to San Francisco and return, was doubtless entered after issue of the ticket. Memorandum copy of said transportation request is enclosed herewith, also carbon copy of the original memo slip used by Mr. Sklarz when requesting issue of ticket. It will be noted that this memo slip calls for Northern Pacific route from Portland to St. Paul, no mention being made of travel by way of Seattle. Mr. Sklarz states that he arrived in Portland in the morning and purchased the ticket direct to Spokane the same morning and made the trip the same day. He also states "when I presented my ticket (which read Portland to Seattle to Spokane) to the ticket agent at Portland and requested that this ticket be exchanged for a ticket direct from Portland to Spokane, he replied that it could not be done, in spite of the fact that I was told at New York that tickets at these points were interchangeable".

Memo copy of the transportation request covering the Portland, Spokane ticket is also enclosed herewith showing that the ticket was procured July 7, 1918.

When through with the memo copies of the two transportation requests will you kindly return them to this office?

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encls.
F.L

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March 20, 1919.

Nevada Consolidated
Copper Company,
McGill, Nevada.

Gentlemen:-

With reference to letter of this office dated the 19th inst., I have to advise that your report covering the production of gold and silver during the calendar year 1918, has this day been received in this office.

It is noted that all of the material was mined in the State of Nevada, but no indication is given as to the disposition of same. Will you kindly advise me as to its disposition?

Respectfully.

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

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Penn Mining Company,
Campo Seco,
California.

Gentlemen:-

Your report covering production of gold and silver during the calendar year 1918, has this day been received, for which please accept my thanks.

Kindly disregard second request for this information, made under date of the 19th instant.

Respectfully,

R. W. Woolley

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

March 21, 1919.

G. T. Holloway & Co. Ltd.,
13 Emmett Street,
Limehouse,
London, Eng.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of March 6th, I take pleasure in forwarding under separate cover a copy of the report of the Director of the Mint for the calendar year 1918.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

March 21, 1919.

The Manual of Statistics Co.,
38 Park Row,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

Responding to your request of March 20th, I am forwarding under separate cover a copy of the report of the Director of the Mint for the calendar year 1918, the latest edition of this report.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 21, 1919.

Mr. J. C. O. Valdes,
Director of the Mint,
Mexico.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 28th advising that you have remitted, by registered mail, two copies each of your Annual Mint Report for 1913-14 and 1914-15.

Please accept my thanks for these very interesting reports which have duly reached me.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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Mr. I.G.Bauman, Librarian,
Guaranty Trust Co. of New York,
140 Broadway, New York City.

Sir:-

I regret to advise you that the edition of the pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Couhtries of the World" is exhausted.

A new supply of this pamphlet is expected from the Public Printer within a few weeks. Your name has been placed on the mailing list for a copy of the same when it is received in this Bureau.

Respectfully,

N. M. Broderick

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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March 21, 1919.

The International Company,
Exchange Pl. & Commerce St.,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of March 17th, I beg to state that as far as this office is aware no revision of the Act of April 23, 1918, fixing the price of silver at $1.00 per ounce, is under consideration.

Respectfully,

N. McRilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

March 21, 1919.

Phelps Dodge Corporation,
99 John Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:-

Please accept my thanks for your report of production of gold and silver during the calendar year 1918, received this day.

Kindly disregard second request made under date of the 19th instant.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

March 21, 1919.

Bureau of Navigation,
Navy Department,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:-

Herewith find bill of the Philadelphia Mint in the sum of $1.40 for manufacture of West Indian Campaign Medal, for Paul L. Henneberg, also copy of your order for same.

Please cause transfer settlement to be made crediting the following appropriations in the sums indicated:-

Wages of workmen, Mint at Philadelphia 1919 ----------	$1.05
Contingent expense, Mint at Philadelphia 1919 ----------	.35
Total ----------	$1.40

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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F-L

March 21, 1919.

United Verde Copper Co.,
20 Exchange Place,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Please accept my thanks for your report of production of gold and silver during the calendar year 1918, received this day.

Kindly disregard second request made under date of the 19th instant.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 21, 1919.

Bureau of Insular Affairs,
War Department,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:-

Herewith find bill of the San Francisco Mint in the sum of $5,304.00, for manufacture of 303,000 pesos in 50-centavo and 1-centavo pieces of Philippine coin, delivered March 14, 1919.

Please cause this amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the following appropriations:-

Wages of workmen, Mint at San Francisco 1919 ----------	$3,536.
Contingent expense, Mint at San Francisco 1919 -------	1,768.
Total ----------	$5,304.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L
Encl.

March 21, 1919.

Director,
Bureau of Mines,
Interior Dept.,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Please supply, for the use of this Bureau, three copies of your Technical Paper #196, Black Sand Deposits of Southern Oregon and Northern California.

Thanking you in advance,

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

D-L

March 22, 1919.

Auditor for the Treasury Dept.,
Graham Building,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Please cause settlement to be made for the abrasion on silver dollars melted for sale as bullion, as below:-

Authority	Face Value	Legal Weight	Weight before melting	Abrasion
		Fine ounces	Fine ounces	Fine ozs. at $1.00
Dec. 19, 1918 (Part)	$ 3,916,000	----------	----------	----------
Jan. 6, 1919	10,000,000	----------	----------	----------
" 27, 1919	10,000,000	----------	----------	----------
Feb. 7, 1919	10,000,000	44,694,632.81	44,620,008.90	74,623.91
" 17, 1919	10,000,000	----------	----------	----------
" 28, 1919	10,000,000	----------	----------	----------
Mar. 15, 1919 (Part)	3,871,000	----------	----------	----------
Total --	$57,787,000	44,694,632.81	44,620,008.90	74,623.91

This account is approved for $74,623.91 to be charged to the "Special Fd - Charges on silver-dollar bullion sold" and credited to Miscellaneous Receipts - "Receipts for abrasion on silver dollars melted for use as bullion."

Respectfully,

W. MacNeily

Acting Director of the Mint.

R.L

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March 24, 1919.

S. & B. Lederer Company,
Providence,
Rhode Island.

Gentlemen:-

Referring to your telegram of March 20th and letter of even date, I beg to submit the following in regard to a proposed foreign coinage:-

Quotation of April 4, 1917, so far as it relates to coinage charges and cost of master die and hubs, remains the same. The cost of kegs for packing, are quoted at the present time at about $2.35 each instead of $2.00, and the cost of boxes will be about 90¢ instead of 75¢ each as quoted in my letter of April 30, 1917.

I also find that the necessary copper and nickel for this coinage as stated in my letter of April 4, 1917 was 113,571.4284 lbs. av. of electrolytic copper and 37,857.1428 lbs. av. of nickel was based on the 5-cent piece weighing 52 grains. It now appears that the weight of the coin is given at 2¼ dwt. equal to 54 grains. It is therefore necessary to revise the above estimate and to say that 115,714.2857 lbs. av. electrolytic copper (99.90 copper contents) and 38,571.4286 lbs. av. nickel (99.00 cobalt contents) will be required for this coinage, if authorized.

It will require sixty days to prepare the master die and hubs, after approval of the design, and coinage can be undertaken in thirty days after the dies are ready.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

March 24, 1919.

Miss T. Baci,
193 Norwood Avenue,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Madam:-

I am returning herewith the stamps enclosed in your letter of March 20th, and regret to advise that the edition of the pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World" is exhausted.

Your name has been placed on the mailing list to receive a copy of the same as soon as a supply is received from the Public Printer.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

March 24, 1919.

Mr. W. L. Craig,
4 Eaglesfield St.,
Maryport,
Cumberland,
England.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of March 8, 1919, I beg to advise you that this Bureau issues the circular entitled "Value of Foreign Coins" quarterly, and I take great pleasure in enclosing herewith a copy of the same.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

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March 24, 1919.

Mrs. Eda Day,
Leola,
South Dakota.

Madam:-

Replying to your note attached to my letter of March 14th, I beg to advise that copper, tin and zinc are purchased at the market prices for these metals. These prices change from day to day. The metal is purchased in the open market on competitive bids.

Respectfully,

Raleigh Director of the Mint.

O-L

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March 24, 1919.

Mr. Eugene B. Jaeger,
1355 Marion Street,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of March 18th, I beg to advise that the piece you describe is not a coin but a medal which is issued in the Mint at Philadelphia and made of gold, silver or bronze.

I am enclosing herewith a medal list. The prices in this list are subject to variation.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

March 24, 1919.

Auditor for the
Treasury Department,
Graham Building,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Herewith I am forwarding for your files contract of the New York Assay Office with the National District Telegraph Company, dated May 6, 1918, covering service during the fiscal year 1919.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
F-L

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March 25, 1919.

Mr. L.W.Mallory,
Sioux City,
Iowa.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of March 22nd, I beg to advise that the Government never issued coins such as those described in your letter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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March 25, 1919.

Mr. Jos. Stumling,
94 Highland Avenue,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of March 22nd addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury and by him referred to this Bureau, I beg to advise that an Act of Congress would be required to apply the metric system to our coinage, weights and measures.

Thanking you for your interest in the matter, I am

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

March 25, 1919.

Brown & Sharpe Mfg. Co.,
Providence,
Rhode Island.

Gentlemen:-

I am enclosing herewith a letter received from you this day and beg to request that the same be forwarded to the institution to which the machine and attachment were sent.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

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Great Western S. & R. Co.,
41st & Wallace Sts. & Lowe Av.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:-

I have your letter of the 21st inst. in reply to mine of the 19th, stating that as you produced no gold or silver during the year 1918, reply to inquiry had not previously been made.

May I refer to first paragraph of letter of this office dated Jan. 8, 1919, which I quote in part:-

"This inquiry may be addressed to some firms which do not produce gold or silver, but if the material worked contained either of those metals, the source and disposition of same is needed in order to trace back the final product to the State where mined."

Some of the gold and silver producers have reported product from material received from you, and therefore it will be of assistance to us if you can let us know both the source and disposition of said material.

Again thanking you for your cooperation, I am

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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Charge d'affaires,
Argentine Embassy,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith a statement of cost incurred in manufacturing 3,000,000 ten-centavo and 1,500,000 five-centavo nickel coinage blanks for your government and 100 packing cases containing the same, amounting to $10,270. There is also included in this statement the bill of Walter Apgar & Co. for trucking and Government taxes amounting to $1,377.18, and the bill of O'Keefe and Lynch for premium on $50,000.00 liability insurance amounting to $125.00, making a total of $11,772.18.

The amount due for trucking and insurance are included in this statement at the request of Mr. Hugo Wilson, Commercial Adviser, who asks that upon receipt of embassy check the amounts be paid to the above named firms and receipt therefor obtained and transmitted to your embassy.

The blanks referred to above will be ready for shipment to New York not later than the 28th inst. and will be made a part of the shipment which includes all other nickel blanks, the manufacture of which has been completed and charges collected.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure
O-L

March 26, 1919.

Honesdale Dime Bank,
Honesdale,
Penn.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of March 24th, I beg to advise you that mutilated coin has only bullion value.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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March 26, 1919.

Mr. O.W.Mapes,
Middletown,
New York.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of March 24th, I beg to advise that the Act of April 23, 1918, fixed the price of silver at $1. an ounce. I am enclosing herewith a copy of the Act.

I am also forwarding under separate cover a copy of the report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1918, which will give you the amount of silver handled by the Government.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Director of the Mint, Washington, D.C.

"Contingent Expense, Office of the Director of the Mint 1919".

stitution of Mining & Metallurgy, March 26 9.

London, England.

ector of the Mint, Washington, D.C., U. S. A.

Refining Gold Bullion with Chlorine Gas and Air. Also discussion.

R. R. Kahn. (Bull. 170 and 171, I. M. M., Nov. 14 and Dec. 12, 1918.

R. J. Baker.

Director of the Mint.

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March 27, 1919.

Mr. B. P. Blackett,
British War Mission,
25 Wall Street,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Blackett:-

I have your letter of March 17th relative to an account amounting to $29.12 on account of additional ocean freight charges on silver exported on the "COLOMBIA" on May 4, 1918. I have taken this matter up with the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia and find that the occasion of this charge arose from the fact that the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia rendered an invoice covering the copper content of this shipment.

The Superintendent states that it was understood by him that a charge for the alloy copper should be included in the invoice of silver dollar bullion, and on the first two lots of silver such a charge was made a separate item in the invoices.

Since the shipment of May 4th no charge has been made for the copper content of the silver bullion exported.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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March 28, 1919.

World Export & Import Corporation,
Latin-American Department,
30 Church Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:-

Your letter of March 26th addressed to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, has been, by him, referred to this Bureau.

Replying to your inquiry as to the cost of manufacturing nickel coins for the Government of Salvador, the following is submitted:-

The cost of coinage, metal required, and weight of coin, tolerance and alloys, as understood, are as follows:

Cost of coinage- on 2,000,000 five-centavo pieces
$4.00 per M pieces.

Metal required: 16,534.2858 av. lbs. electrolytic copper (99.90 copper contents.)

5,511.4286 av. lbs. shot nickel (99.00 nickel cobalt contents.)

Alloy- 75% copper, 25% nickel.

Weight- 5 grams.

Tolerance- 2 grains.

The cost of metal and boxes or kegs used in packing will be additional to coinage charge.

There will be no charge for dies as the hub for this coin is in the mint and the cost of working dies is included in the coinage costs.

It is, no doubt, understood by you that before this coinage can be undertaken by the Mint at Philadelphia

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the request would have to come to this Bureau through the State Department from the duly accredited representative of the Government of Salvador at this Capital.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Kelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

March 28, 1919.

Mr. Joseph Kitchin,
Pinners Hall,
Austin Friars, E. C.,
London, England.

Dear Sir:-

Permit me to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of copy of your Trade Cycles Chart, which indeed is of much interest and doubtless will prove useful.

Sincerely yours,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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March 29, 1919.

Auditor for the
Treasury Department,
Graham Building,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Enclosed herewith the original of the lease covering the use of the building occupied by the United States Assay Office at Seattle for the fiscal year expiring June 30, 1920.

Please acknowledge receipt of this lease.

Respectfully,

M. McReady

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

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March 29, 1919.

Chief of Ordnance,
War Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Under date of Nov. 23, 1918, this office forwarded to the Chief of Ordnance (Nitrate Division) a bill for $150.00 covering cost of experimental work, in connection with the cooperative investigation of platinum done by the New York Assay Office.

Will you kindly advise me whether the amount of the bill has been reimbursed to the appropriation "Wages of workmen, Assay Office at New York 1919", and if not when we may expect settlement covering same?

Under date of Feb. 10, 1919, there was also forwarded to the Chief of Ordnance, bill of the New York Assay Office in the amount of $1818.87, for refining Russian platinum grain residues. Request was made for early reinbursement to the appropriations of the New York Assay Office as the funds would be needed to meet expenses.

Will you kindly advise me when settlement of this account may be expected?

Respectfully,

M. McRelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

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March 29, 1919.

Bureau of Mines,
Interior Department,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

Under date of December 18, 1918, this office forwarded to the Bureau of Mines, (American University Experiment Station), bills of the New York Assay Office in the sums of $20.00, $11.00 and $16.00, covering cost of work performed for you by the New York Assay Office, with request that transfer settlement be made crediting the amounts to the appropriations of the New York Assay Office.

Will you kindly advise me if such settlement has been made, and if not when we may expect to hear from same.

Respectfully,

M. McPhail

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 29, 1919.

Disbursing Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Herewith I am returning letter of the Auditor for the Treasury Department dated March 22, 1919, together with bill in favor of the Washington Gas Light Company for gas furnished the laboratory of the Mint Bureau for the month of July 1918, in the sum of $2.80.

It appears that this bill was erroneously paid from the appropriation for Contingent expense, Treasury Department, and it has now been approved for payment from the appropriation Contingent expenses, Office of Director of the Mint, 1919.

Copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Chief Clerk of the Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F

Enclosure.
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March 29, 1919.

Miss S. E. Cornell,
47 N Water Street,
Galt, Ontario,
Canada.

Madam:-

Replying to your letter of March 26th, I regret to advise you that the piece you describe is not a coin of the United States. The so-called half dollars and quarter dollars in gold, were issued by private parties and placed in circulation as coin and have not been recognized by the Government.

I am unable to advise you what collectors might pay for this piece.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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March 29, 1919.

Mr. Robert Skinner,
50 Davis Street,
Petersburg, Va.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of March 24th, I beg to advise you that the treatment of the "fasces" on the dime was left to the discretion of the artist, who would appear to have plenty of precedent for his arrangment of the symbol.

Respectfully,

M. McRaieley

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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March 29, 1919.

Cold Galvanizing Co.,
1386 E. 40th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Gentlemen:-

I am returning herewith the pieces of silver enclosed in your letter of March 25th and beg to advise you that the Mint Service is not in the market for silver bullion at the present time.

The silver contained in gold deposits, in quantities approximating $100.00 in value and over, is received at the New York Assay Office and paid for at the rate of $1.00 an ounce for silver 1000 fine.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

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March 29, 1919.

Mr. William S. Hunt,
The Sunday Call,
204 Market Street,
Newark, N. J.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of March 28th the following is submitted:-

1. The letter W on the Liberty side of the new dime is the initial of Mr. Weinman, the sculptor who designed the coin.

2. The letter M on the Liberty side of the new quarter is the initial of Mr. Mac Neil, who designed the coin.

3. The letter B at the base of the neck on the Liberty side of the quarter and half dollars issued from 1892-1916, is that of Mr. Barber the late engraver of the Mint at Philadelphia, who designed this coin.

4. The letter F under the date of the Buffalo nickels is the initial of Mr. Fraser, who designed that coin.

5. The letter M at the base of the Liberty side of the silver dollar is the initial of Mr. Morgan the engraver at Philadelphia, who designed the coin.

Respectfully,

M. McPeely

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

March 31, 1919.

National Zinc Company,
61 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:-

With reference to your letters of Jan. 27th and Feb. 8, 1919, forwarding reports covering the production of gold and silver during the calendar year 1918 as pertaining to your Argentine and Bartesville Plants, it is noted that the Argentine report indicates transfer to the Bartesville Plant of considerable quantity of silver and some gold. The report for the Bartesville Plant does not indicate the state to which this material was credited. Please advise me whether it was all credited to the State of Montana, and if not to what states, with quantity to each state, to which credited.

Please also advise me if my assumption is correct that your Springfield Plant handled material containing gold and silver only from your Argentine Plant during the year 1918.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 31, 1919.

Auditor for the
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

With reference to your settlement of the 24th inst., #10511, account of J.L.Summers, Disbursing Clerk, Treasury Department, month of July 1918, I have to advise that the disallowance of amounts paid V.C.K.Robey, $1.20 and 60¢, total $1.80, are being deposited in the Treasury.

Steps are being taken for appeal to the Comptroller of the Treasury from the Auditors action on the other items pertaining to the appropriations under the jurisdiction of this office, disallowed in said settlement.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

March 31, 1919.

Mercantile Bank
of the Americas,
44 Pine Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of March 27th, I beg to advise you that further inquiry has not resulted in securing further information for you in regard to the adoption of the gold standard by Salvador.

I would suggest that you address a communication to Mr. Manuel Peralta, Consul General of the Salvador Republic at New York City.

Respectfully.

Director of the Mint.

O-L

April 1, 1919.

Messrs. Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 31st, enclosing checks drawn to the order of the Director of the Mint as follows:-

Adjustment ocean freight charges Hong Kong to Calcutta, on shipment per S/S Columbia sailing from San Francisco May 4, 1916 - $3,249.59.

Additional ocean freight charge made by Express Co. for shipment on S/S Columbia sailing from San Francisco May 4, 1918 (as per our letter March 27th referring to Mr. Johnson's letter of March 11th) - $29.12.

Please accept my thanks for your courtesy in adjusting these accounts.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

April 1, 1919.

Mr. A. H. Yoder,
State Normal School,
Whitewater,
Wisconsin.

Sir:-

Your letter of March 28th, addressed to the Director of the Mint and forwarded to the Mint at Philadelphia, has been referred to this Bureau.

I have taken pleasure in causing your name to be placed on the mailing list of this office to receive the annual reports of the Director of the Mint as they are issued, and a copy of the report for the fiscal year 1918 is forwarded under separate cover.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

April 1, 1919.

World Export & Import Corp.,
30 Church Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of March 31st, I beg to advise you that in preparing metal for foreign coinage the alloy is made up at the mint.

It will be necessary to supply the individual metals in the quantities indicated. All processes required for producing coins are included in the cost of coinage, namely, $4.00 per thousand pieces.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

April 1, 1919.

American Railway Express Co.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed herewith find checks covering the following accounts:-

Adjustment ocean freight charges Hong to Calcutta, on shipment per S/S Columbia sailing from San Francisco May 4, 1918 - $3,249.59.

Additional ocean freight charge made by you for shipment on S/S Columbia sailing from San Francisco May 4, 1918 - $29.12.

Please return enclosed vouchers duly receipted and oblige,

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encls.
O-L

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April 1, 1919.

International Smelting Co.,
42 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

With reference to your recent report covering production of gold and silver during the calendar year 1918, Tooele Plant, I have to advise that the report of the Great Falls Plant of the Anaconda Copper Mining Company indicates shipment to the Tooele Plant of considerable quantities of material containing gold and silver. This material is not separately stated on your Tooele Plant report, and it is requested that you kindly advise me concerning the quantity of gold and silver received from the Great Falls Plant and to what states same was credited in your report.

It is presumed that it was credited to the State of Montana, but as it was not all produced in Montana, the above information is required in order to permit the giving of proper credit.

Early reply will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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March 31, 1919.

Mr. Charles Owen,
Caney,
Kansas.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of March 28th, relative to silver medals you wish to have manufactured, I beg to advise you that the volume of business now being required of the Mints is so large that it would be impracticable for us to undertake the preparation of these medals at this time.

Regretting that we are unable to serve you in this regard, I am

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

March 31, 1919.

Hon. Frank L. Greene,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Greene:-

Replying to your letter of March 18th, giving an excerpt from a letter from a constituent, I beg to advise you that the Act of April 23, 1918, fixing the price of silver, is still in effect.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

March 31, 1919.

Mr. Daniel Imboden, Secretary,
Grant County Chamber of Commerce,
Silver City, New Mexico.

Sir:

Your telegram of the 29th instant, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has by him been referred to this Bureau.

The subject matter of your telegram is now before the department and is being given every possible consideration.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 1, 1919.

Secretary of Salvage Board,
Office of the Chief of Ordnance,
War Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 29th requesting that the United States Assay Office at New York be authorized to receive and refine platinum deposits for the account of the Ordnance Department. It is understood that this platinum is accumulated surplus platinum from all branches of the War Department, which it is desired to place in condition to market.

The Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York, has this day been authorized to accept and refine all deposits of platinum for the account of the Ordnance Department.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 2, 1919.

Ensign V. Mann (Ray Corps),
U.S.S. Lake Worth,
Newport News, Va.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of March 30th, I beg to advise you that the sterling exchange, on the dates indicated, was as follows:-

June 13th - $4.7540
" 11th - 4.75375

Respectfully,

[signature]
Director of the Mint.

O-L

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Director of the Mint, Wash. D. C.

"Contingent Expense, Mint at Denver 1919".

C. Smith Bros., April 2nd 9.

14th & H Streets, N. W. Washington, D.C.

At once.

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Director of the Mint.

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April 3, 1919.

Mr. Elijah D. Miller,
6010 Wabash Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of March 31st, I beg to advise you that no change could be made in the designs of our coins without an Act of Congress authorizing the same.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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April 3, 1919.

Mr. Dave Adams,
Hackberry,
Kansas.

Sir:-

I am returning herewith the specimen enclosed in your letter of March 27th and regret to advise you that this ore does not contain gold or silver. It is a piece of pyrites ore.

Respectfully,

A. M. Peiker
Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

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April 4, 1919.

Mr. Federico M. Quintana,
Charge d'Affaires,
Argentine Embassy,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I beg to state that the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia advises me that he has completed 3,000,000 Five Centavo and 3,000,000 Ten Centavo nickel coinage blanks for your government.

I am enclosing herewith statement covering the cost of manufacturing the blanks and the packing cases containing the same, amounting to $12,931.25.

Will you please advise me when it will be convenient for your government to receive these blanks for shipment?

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.
C-L

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April 4, 1919.

Brentano's,
F & 12th Streets,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:-

I am enclosing herewith a voucher covering the "Standard Methods of Chemical Analysis", which was ordered for the United States Assay Office at Seattle.

Please sign the enclosed voucher and forward same to this Bureau for transmission to the Assayer in Charge, United States Assay Office, Seattle, Washington.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

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April 5, 1919.

Mr. Henry D. Fisk,
38 Fiddis Avenue,
Pontiac, Michigan.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of April 3rd, I beg to advise you that the package forwarded by you has been sent to the Smithsonian Institution.

We have no facilities for testing the sample and hope the Secretary of the institution named will advise you further in regard to it.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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April 7, 1919.

Disbursing Officer,
American University
Experiment Station,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Under date of December 18, 1918, this Bureau forwarded to the Bureau of Mines, American University Experiment Station, three vouchers in the sums of $20.00, $11.00 and $16.00, covering cost of work performed by the New York Assay Office.

Inquiry under date of March 29th, of the Bureau of Mines, brings the information that these vouchers cannot be found, and am therefore forwarding duplicates with the request that settlement be made crediting the appropriations indicated below in the amounts indicated on face of vouchers:-

"Wages of workmen, Assay Office at New York 1918".

"Contingent expense, Assay Office at New York 1918".

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L
Encl.

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April 8, 1919.

Western Union Telegraph Co.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

I have to bring to your attention matter of duplicate payment for two telegrams sent by the Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint to this office in December 1917, with request for refund of the sum of $1.04, the amount diallowed by the Comptroller of the Treasury under date of March 19, 1919, as having been erroneously paid by the Disbursing Clerk of the Treasury Department.

It appears that duplicate payment resulted from the fact that your San Francisco Office indicated on the messages sent that they were "collect" messages, while the messages as filed by the Superintendent of the Mint bore indication that they were to be paid for locally.

If it is desired to inspect the messages in question, it is suggested that you call at the office of the Auditor for the Treasury Department, Graham Building, 14th & D Streets, N. W., making reference to his settlement #10347 dated December 10, 1918.

The question of refund was taken up with your San Francisco Office by the Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint, with the result that they declined to make refund, stating that their records have all been destroyed and that collection of the amount should be made in Washington. Will you kindly give this matter your early attention, making your check payable to the Director of the Mint and forwarding same to this office?

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 8, 1919.

The Commissioner of
the Royal Mint,
Brussels,
Belgium.

Sir:-

In compliance with your request of the 5th ultimo, I take pleasure in mailing, under separate cover, the Annual Reports of the Director of the United States Mint, for the fiscal years 1914, 1915, 1916 and 1917.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

V-L

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April 9, 1919.

Messrs. Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

In response to your letter of April 8th, the attention of the American Railway Express Co. was this day called to the fact that receipts had not been forwarded for checks sent on March 17th and March 20th.

I am enclosing herewith the vouchers duly receipted and regret that there has been delay in the transmission of these receipts.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

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April 9, 1919.

American Railway Express Co.,
Regional Accounting Department,
817 South Wells Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:-

In reply to your inquiry #56-3, dated March 27, 1919, wish to state that the balance unpaid on your voucher #6158 of 16¢, was disallowed owing to error in stating the charge on the first two items carried on the voucher - 8¢ each; $1.38 being charged instead of $1.30 as provided under the schedule of express charges.

Relative to the difference of $100 on your voucher #14288, you are advised that this was also caused by an error in computation, the error having occurred on the first item of bullion shipped at 65¢ per thousand dollars on $2,352,549.48. Bill was rendered for $1,629.20 but correct computation gives $1,529.20.

Explanation of the reason for non-payment of these items was made on notice of Auditor's settlements sent to your Assistant Treasurer under date of June 26, 1918 and October 21, 1918.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

April 9, 1919.

Assistant Auditor
of Passenger Accounts,
New York Central R.R.,
Grand Central Terminal,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

Herewith I am forwarding your bill #10-243 with request that the amount of the excess fare involved therein be noted.

Upon return of the voucher with the information requested, the voucher will be placed in line for early settlement.

Respectfully,

D. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
F-L

April 9, 1919.

Bureau of Insular Affairs,
War Department,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:-

Herewith find bill of the San Francisco Mint in the sum of $14,785.90 for manufacture of Philippine coinage delivered April 4, 1919.

Please cause this amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the following appropriations:-

Wages of workmen,- Mint at San Francisco 1919 ----------	$9,857.27
Contingent expense,- Mint at San Francisco 1919 ------	4,928.63
Total ----------	$14,785.90

Respectfully,

W. W. Rabbe

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
F-L

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April 9, 1919.

Mr. P. G. Eastwick,
American Foreign Banking Corp.,
56 Wall Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

Complying with your request of the 7th instant for information to be used in preparation of a treatise on "Theory and Practice of the Chain Rule and its application to Exchange and Bullion Operations", I beg to forward under separate cover a publication of this Bureau "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World".

This office does not use the chain rule in calculating the United States equivalent of foreign coins, but obtains, wherever practicable, the legal weight of such coins and converts such weight to its equivalent in fine grains. The United States equivalent value is then determined by the relation of the fine grains so found to the number of fine grains in the dollar - 23.22, as prescribed by the Congress of the United States.

It is presumed from the compilation contained in your letter of the value of the British pound sterling, that it is desired to obtain equivalents with great exactitude. In this connection it should be noted that the equivalents in the pamphlet "Monetary Systems" are carried to only four decimal places. It is also noted that if, in your computation of the equivalent value of the pound sterling you had used as the coining value of an ounce of United States standard gold a longer decimal, namely, 18.60465116, the soverign equivalent would be practically exact at $4.866563528.

When your treatise is ready for distribution, I would appreciate receiving a copy.

Trusting that this information will be of some valne to you, I am

Truly yours,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

April 10, 1919.

Hon. J. P. Buchanan,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Buchanan:-

Replying to your letter of April 8th, I beg to advise you that the "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint at Philadelphia" is a volume of over 600 pages and is for sale by the Superintendent of Documents at $1.00 a copy.

I regret that we have none of these books for gratuitous distribution.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

April 10, 1919.

Keystone Watch Case Co.,
Riverside, N. J.

Gentlemen:-

This letter will be presented by Mr. A.M.Joyce, Superintendent of the United States Mint Philadelphia. Mr. Joyce is accompanied by Mr. H.D. Coleman, Superintendent of the Melting and Refining Department of the Mint and Mr. Clifford Hewitt, Foreman of Machinists of the Mint. The officers are desirous of witnessing the operations of your institution for the purpose of comparing the operations of the Mint with the methods employed at your establishment.

The sole purpose of the visit of these United States officers is to note carefully the system employed by you for the purpose of improving the practical operations of the United States Mint.

If you will extend the courtesies of your institution to these officers and allow them to witness the operations to the extent of their desires, I shall very greatly appreciate your courtesy.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

April 10, 1919.

Scovill Manufacturing Co.,
Waterbury, Conn.

Gentlemen:-

This letter will be presented by Mr. A.M.Joyce, Superintendent of the United States Mint Philadelphia. Mr. Joyce is accompanied by Mr. H.D. Coleman, Superintendent of the Melting and Refining Department of the Mint and Mr. Clifford Hewitt, Foreman of Machinists of the Mint. The officers are desirous of witnessing the operations of your institution for the purpose of comparing the operations of the Mint with the methods employed at your establishment.

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Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

April 10, 1919.

Union Metalic Cartridge Co.,
Bridgeport, Conn.

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Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

April 10, 1919.

The American Brass Co.,
Asonia, Connecticut.

Gentlemen;-

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Respectfully,

R. D. Baker

Director of the Mint.

April 10, 1919.

The Winchester R. & C. Co.,
West Winstead, Conn.

Gentlemen:-

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Respectfully,

R. J Baker

Director of the Mint.

April 10, 1919.

The Apothecaries Hall Co.,
Waterbury, Conn.

Gentlemen:-

This letter will be presented by Mr. A.M.Joyce, Superintendent of the United States Mint Philadelphia. Mr. Joyce is accompanied by Mr. H.D. Coleman, Superintendent of the Melting and Refining Department of the Mint and Mr. Clifford Hewitt, Foreman of Machinists of the Mint. The officers are desirous of witnessing the operations of your institution for the purpose of comparing the operations of the Mint with the methods employed at your establishment.

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Respectfully,

R. J. Baker.

Director of the Mint.

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April 10, 1919.

Phya Prabha Karavongse,
Siamese Legation,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your courteous letter of April 9th and note with pleasure that the bronze one stang pieces manufactured at the Mint in Philadelphia have reached Bangkok and have been found satisfactory.

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has been instructed to expedite the coinage of the pieces now in process. The specimen form enclosed in your letter has been forwarded to the Superintendent to be used by him in transmitting his account to you when the lot of coins now being manufactured is packed for shipment.

Respectfully,

W. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

April 10, 1919.

The U. S. Civil Service Commission,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

The Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York has requested this Bureau to ask for the certification of names to fill the position of Foreman of the Laboratory in that office at a salary of $6.00 per day.

The matter was taken up by the Superintendent with the District Secretary, who instructed the New York Superintendent to make application for this certification directly to your commission.

Will you please cause the names of three eligibles, now on the metallurgist list, to be certified to this Bureau to be transmitted to the Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York for his recommendation?

Respectfully,

M. Taylor Pedley

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

April 10, 1919.

Mr. F. M. Quintana,
Charge d'Affaires.
Argentine Embassy,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 9th enclosing a check for TWELVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY ONE 25/100 DOLLARS ($12,931.25) covering the cost of manufacturing 3,000,000 blanks for Five Centavo nickels and 3,000,000 blanks for Ten Centavo nickels, for your government. The check has been endorsed and forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia.

I take pleasure in advising you that the Superintendent will be glad to hold the blanks in storage at the Mint until it is entirely convenient for you to have them shipped.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 11, 1919.

Phya Prabha Karavongse,
Envoy Extraordinary and
Minister Plenipotentiary,
Siamese Legation,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have the honor to advise you that the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia reports that he has commenced the coinage of 10,000,000 one-stang pieces for the Government of Siam.

The Superintendent requests authority from you to purchase 400 kegs to contain the coins when they are ready for shipment. He advises that the best price he is able to secure on the kegs is $2.35 each. Will you please advise this Bureau your wishes in the matter?

Respectfully,

W. M. Reddy

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

April 11, 1919.

Federal Auditor,
Spokane, Portland & Seattle Ry.,
Portland, Oregon.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of a letter from the General Passenger Agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad, file 61-F, dated April 10, 1919, in which he states that he is in receipt of a communication of April 2nd, file K-721-O, from Mr. W. E. Skinner, Traffic Manager of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway, concerning adjustment on a ticket from Portland to Spokane, issued July 7, 1918 on government transportation request #T-16455.

Mr. Skinner advises that he will arrange credit to the government for value of the ticket mentioned, with the understanding that the Pennsylvania Road will report to the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Road, revenue Portland to Spokane on Pennsylvania ticket, form FE-135R, No. 919; and as your bill No. 76353 for $11.20 covering the cost of this ticket has been held in this office pending adjustment of this matter, which was first taken up with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in August 1918, I beg to enclose said bill herewith, with the suggestion that if satisfactory to you same be canceled as this will be the easiest way to make this adjustment. The orginal transportation request supporting your bill is retained in this office pending receipt of your reply as to whether the method suggested will be satisfactory, and if so, the transportation request will be canceled upon advice from you. Please give this matter your prompt attention.

Copy of this letter is being forwarded to the General Passenger Agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

Respectfully,

M. McRoberts

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
F-L

April 11, 1919.

Duriron Castings Co.,
90 West Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

With reference to your letter of the 9th instant concerning some material sold to the New York Assay Office valued at $318.65, I have to advise that under date of March 4, 1919, the Auditor for the Treasury Department settled an account in your favor in the sum of $316.00, apparently covering this same bill.

If you have not yet received Treasury warrant covering same, it is suggested that you write to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., making reference to settlement of the Auditor for the Treasury Department #72498 of March 4, 1919, requesting information as to when warrant covering this Auditor's settlement may be expected.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

April 12, 1919.

American Metal Company,
Commercial Accounting Dept.,
61 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

With reference to your letter of January 14, 1919, concerning the question of statistics covering the production of gold and silver in the United States during the calendar year 1918, I beg to request further information as follows:

The Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting & Power Company report consignment of material to you containing considerable gold and silver. The disposition of this material by you cannot be traced from the information given by the various refining interests. Will you kindly advise me to which plant this was consigned?

The International Lead Refining Company report considerable gold and silver received from you, all of it being credited to Mexico as the country in which mined. Is this correct?

The Nichols Copper Company report three different items of material received from you. It is presumed that this material was received from the Ducktown Sulphur, Copper & Iron Company, Clarksburg Clinkering Company, and the Shannon Copper Company. Will you kindly advise me if this is correct?

Again thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 12, 1919.

Cerro De Pasco Copper Corp.,
15 Broad Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to confirm following telegram sent you this day:-

"Peruvian Minister verbally promises name you agent receive discs. Upon receipt this authority from Minister, Mint will immediately be authorized to proceed."

The Peruvian Minister has advised this office over the telephone that the usual formal authority to manufacture these discs will be sent to this Bureau by him, naming you agent to receive these discs.

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has been instructed to make the necessary preparations in order that the manufacture of the discs may be expedited immediately upon receipt of the formal authority from the Minister of Peru.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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April 12, 1919.

Mr. Wm. J. Ness,
2029 Veronica St.,
Troy Hill, North Side,
Pittsburg, Pa.

Sir:-

I am returning herewith the package received from you today. It is assumed that this was to be regarded as a deposit of platinum and I regret that we are unable to receive it, the wants of the Government having been fully satisfied in regard to a supply of platinum.

Respectfully,

M. McPhilly
Acting Director of the Mint.

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Engl.

WALTER PEMBRIDGE,
WASHINGTON AVE, ENDICOTT N. Y.

Treasury Department,
Bureau of the Mint,
April 14, 1919.

Respectfully returned with the information that the Mints and Assay Offices of the Government are not required to accept deposits having less value than $100. All deposits are melted before the value can be determined, and charges are imposed for the work of melting and determining value. If you will forward the case you have to the United States Assay Office, New York City, the superintendent of that institution will remit to you a check for the value of the gold contained in the case, less the charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

W. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director of the Mint.

April 14, 1919.

United States Guarantee Company,
111 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 11th instant relative to the bond of Thomas F. Allen, Clerk in the U. S. Assay Office, New York, I beg to say that Mr. Allen's bond, dated April 11, 1919, was approved by the Secretary of the Treasury on April 9th, 1919.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 14, 1919.

United States Guarantee Company,
111 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 11th instant relative to the bond of Edward E. Sage, Assistant Assayer in the United States Assay Office, New York, I beg to say that Mr. Sage's bond, dated February 20, 1919, was approved by the Secretary of the Treasury March 3, 1919.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 14, 1919.

Mr. Horace Hayden, Sr.,
125 West Seventh Street,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 9th instant I beg to say that the needs of the Government for platinum have for the present been fully met, and we are not making purchases of that metal.

The Mints do not purchase Quicksilver, and I am unable to advise you where you might dispose of the same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 14, 1919.

Mr. John O. Sheatz,
Land Title Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 11th instant you are advised that the United States Assay Office at New York is the Government depositary for gold and silver bullion. It is purchased by the Superintendent of that institution when offered in quantities valued at $100 and over. Charges are imposed for melting, assaying and refining the bullion, and check on the Treasurer of the United States is used in making payment for the value of the gold and silver.

Gold is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, and silver at $1.00 per ounce, 1000 fine.

Copper is purchased in the refined state, and on competitive bids when that metal is required for coinage purposes.

There is no institution connected with the Government in Washington where metals are purchased for the Mints.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 15, 1919.

American Zinc Co.,
Dearing, Kansas.

Gentlemen:

This office makes annual estimate of the production of gold and silver in the various states of the Union, obtaining data concerning same from the various smelting and refining firms that handle material containing such metals. This data is treated confidentially and used only in the preparation of the estimates mentioned.

The American Smelting and Refining Co. report receipts at their Arkansas Valley Plant of material from you containing approximately 18,000 ounces silver and a little gold. This does not include about 10,000 ounces silver ard a little gold stated to have been received from the Butte and Superior Mining Co., Dearing, Kansas. Will you kindly advise me where the material first mentioned was mined, if known, and if the state in which mined cannot be given, information as to the plant from which you received the material would be of material assistance.

Your reply may be forwarded in the enclosed franked envelope, which requires no postage.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation, I am

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 15, 1919.

International Smelting Co.,
42 Broadway, New York.

Gentlemen:

With further reference to your recent report covering the production of gold and silver in the United States during the year 1918, I have to state that the American Smelting and Refining Co. report shipments from their Murray and East Helena plants to you of material containing some 40,000 and 380,000 ounces silver respectively, with smaller quantities of gold. As these items are not separately stated in your reports it is requested that you kindly inform me as to which states received the credit in your reports in order that adjustment may be made; the material was mined in several different states, some of it in Canada.

Thanking you again and requesting early reply,
I am

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 15, 1919.

Chief of Ordnance,

War Department, Washington.

Sir:

Herewith I am enclosing bill of the New York Assay Office in the sum of $13,061.29, being the amount of charges on platinum deposits Nos. 1 to 954, received April to August, 1918. The bill is supported by itemized list of the charges referred to, and by formal approval of the Ordnance officers having knowledge of the facts.

It is respectfully requested that early settlement of this account be made as the money is needed to meet payroll and other expenses of the current fiscal year. Appropriations to be credited -

Wages of Workmen, Assay Office at New York,	1919 -	$9,795.97
Contingent Expenses, do	1919 -	3,265.32
		$13,061.29

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 16, 1919.

American Smelting & Refining Co.,

120 Broadway, New York.

Gentlemen:

I take pleasure in acknowledging receipt of your reports covering production of gold and silver during the calendar year 1918, forwarded the 12th inst.

The Ladysmith Smelting Corp., Ltd. (Tyee Copper Plant) report shipment to your Tacoma refinery of material containing some 11,000 ounces silver and 300 ounces gold. As this is not separately stated in your report and it was produced partly in Alaska and partly in Canada, information as to where it is credited in your report is desired in order that adjustment may be made, if necessary.

The Nichols Copper Co. report shipment to you of slimes containing about 19,000 oz. silver and 500 oz. gold; will you kindly advise me where these are carried in your reports?

Thanking you in advance, I am

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 16, 1919.

Hon. Edwin D. Wolfe,
714 Kohl Building,
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Senator:

Replying to your letter of the 11th instant I am sending herewith a copy of the latest Report of the Director of the Mint, this Report containing the last figures we have on the production of gold and silver in the world.

I am enclosing a copy of a table of preliminary figures upon the production of the precious metals in the United States during the calendar year 1918. These figures are subject to revision, but are regarded as close enough for practical purposes.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

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April 17, 1919.

Nichols Copper Co.,

Laurel Hill, New York.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your report, forwarded Feb. 6, 1919, covering production of gold and silver during the year 1918, I am informed by the American Metal Co. that the material shipped them by the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Co. was consigned to you. The Granby firm report shipment to the American Metal Co. of some 416,000 ounces silver and 17,000 ounces gold, while your report credits Granby with some 9,000 ounces silver and 100 ounces gold. If you can give me any information which will aid in locating the differences it will be much appreciated.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 17, 1919.

American Smelting & Refining Co.,
120 Broadway, New York.

Gentlemen:

I take pleasure in acknowledging receipt of your reports covering production of gold and silver during the calendar year 1918, forwarded the 12th instant.

The Ladysmith Smelting Corporation, Ltd., (Tyee Copper Plant) report shipment to your Tacoma refinery of material containing some 11,000 ounces silver and 300 ounces gold, and the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting & Power Co., Ltd., report consignment to the same plant of about 273,000 ounces silver and 11,000 ounces gold. These items are not separately stated in your Tacoma report and as the material is stated to have been mined in Canada, Alaska, and Washington, information as to where it is credited in your report is desired in order that adjustment may be made, if necessary.

The Nichols Copper Co. report shipment to you of slimes containing about 19,000 ounces silver and 500 ounces gold; will you kindly advise me where these are carried in your reports?

Thanking you in advance, I am

Respectfully,

M. McReilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

April 16, 1918.

Mr. Richard M. Courtenay,
Cor. Broughton and Abercorn Streets,
Savannah, Georgia.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th instant enclosing a package of jeweler's scrap.

As there is no institution connected with the Government in Washington where such deposits are received the package has been sent to the United States Assay Office at New York. In this connection I beg to advise you that the institutions of the Mint service are not required to receive deposits of this kind having a value which does not approximate $100 in amount. The Superintendent of the Assay Office will be requested to receive this package, however, and remit to you the value of the gold and silver content, less the charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 21, 1919.

Chief of the Bureau
of Insular Affairs,
War Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Enclosed herewith two accounts from the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, covering materials used in the shipment of Philippine coins:-

Baker Hamilton & Pacific Co.	$ 51.20
Van Arsdale Harris Lumber Co. Inc.	141.00

Kindly place these accounts in line for payment.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

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April 21, 1919.

Mr. Manuel de Freyre y Santander,
Envoy Extraordinary and
Minister Plenipotentiary,
Peruvian Legation,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication of April 18th requesting that a preparation of approximately $1,240.00 in gold discs, in addition to the number already requested, be issued. Replying I take pleasure in advising you that the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia will be instructed to add this order to those already given to him.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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April 21, 1919.

Stanley & Patterson,
23 Murray Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your inquiry #43, dated the 17th inst., I have to advise that your voucher for $27.00, covering material furnished the United States Assay Office at New York in July 1918, was settled by the Auditor for the Treasury Department under date of March 19, 1919.

If Treasury warrant covering same has not as yet been received, inquiry should be made of the Treasurer of the United States making reference to settlement of the Auditor for the Treasury Department #72380 in amount $27.00.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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April 21, 1919.

Hon. Houston B. Teehee,
Register of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Register:-

Herewith find bill of the Philadelphia Mint in the sum of $76.00, for manufacture of steel dies and copper counters delivered March 13, 1919, in accordance with authorization of March 11, 1919.

The Superintendent of the Mint states that he has not received acknowledgment of the receipt by you of these items, although it was asked for at the time shipment was made.

Please cause transfer settlement to be made crediting the following appropriations in the amounts indicated:-

Wages of workmen, Mint at Philadelphia 1919 ----------	$64.80
Contingent expense, Mint at Philadelphia 1919 ----------	11.20
Total ----------	$76.00

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
F-L

April 21, 1919.

Pacific Gas & Electric Co.,
445 Sutter Street,
San Francisco, Calif.

Gentlemen:-

I have your claim of April 14, 1919, for sur-charges on gas and electricity furnished and to be furnished the United States Mint at San Francisco during the period July 1918 to June 1919 inclusive.

It is noted that the decisions quoted by your attorney pertain to state rather than federal cases.

It has been repeatedly held by the Comptroller of the Treasury, who is the Chief Accounting Officer of the government, that the government is not a competitor of the public and that special rates from Public Utilities to the government are not discriminatory, also that rates fixed by the State Utilities Commission cannot apply to a contract with the Government.

The matter now under consideration was submitted to the Comptroller of the Treasury some months ago, and under date of Oct. 14, 1918, he advised that there is no authority to make payment otherwise than in accordance with the contract.

Regretting my inability to give you any relief in this matter, I am

Truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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April 21, 1919.

Waterloo & Cedar
Falls Union Mill Co.,
Waterloo, Iowa.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of April 17th, I beg to state that on March 27th and April 12th, a copy of the report of the Director of the Mint was sent to your address. This is the only publication issued by the government giving a list of the coins executed at the United States Mints. We have no publication showing the designs of the coins.

The "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint at Philadelphia" is a volume of about 600 pages giving a description of the coins but not illustrations of all of the coins, and is sold by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., at $1.00 per copy. We have no copies of this publication for gratuitous distribution.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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April 21, 1919.

Mrs. Alan Schlappi,
1928 Ogden Avenue,
Superior, Wisconsin.

Madam:-

I am returning herewith the package forwarded by registered mail and regret to advise you that the contents would not warrant the charges we would be obliged to impose for melting the same.

The Mints are not required to receive deposits which do not approximate in value $100.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Encl.

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Amount receivable from the British Government on account of sale of bullion resulting from the melting of silver dollars at the Philadelphia Mint, to be exported May 3rd, 1919:-

Dollars	Gross Ounces Before Melting.	Fine Ounces Before Melting.
$10,900.00	9,361,039.38	8,424,935.44

To be deposited in the name of the depositor to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States and to the credit of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia in his Bullion Account ---- $8,424,935.44

Charges:

Miscellaneous at 1 1/2¢ per oz., ----	126,374.03
Copper content at .114-2/7¢ ------	9,628.50
	8,560,937.97

Director of the Mint.

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April 21, 1919.

Dr. L. G. Eggleston,
138 Ford Street,
Ogdensburg, N.Y.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 14th instant, I beg to advise you that gold is worth $20.67 an ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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April 21, 1919.

Mr. C. J. Geeske,
Box 68,
Henryetta, Okla.

Sir:-

In accordance with the request contained in your letter of April 17th, I am returning herewith the sample of zinc ore forwarded by you. The stamps are also enclosed.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

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April 21, 1919.

G. Amsinck & Co. Inc.,
90-96 Wall Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of April 18th, I beg to advise you that the charge for coining one million 1-Centavo pieces for the Government of Salvador would be $4.00 per 1000 pieces.

It is understood that the alloy would be 75% copper and 25% nickel; that the weight of the coin is 2½ grams and the tolerance 2 grains. The metal required would be 16534.2857 lbs. of copper and 5,511.4286 lbs. of shot nickel and the number of boxes required would be 50. The boxes can be manufactured at the Mint at a cost of 90¢ each.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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April 21, 1919.

Mr. Thos. S. Wheelwright,
Va. Railway & Power Co.,
Richmond, Virginia.

Sir:-

Your letter of April 17th addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

Replying, I beg to advise you that an Act of Congress would be required before a coin of another denomination than those now in circulation, can be manufactured.

Your suggestion has been read with interest and will be referred to in case legislation in regard to a new coin is undertaken in the future.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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April 21, 1919.

Chancellor in Charge,
Salvador Consulate,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of April 16th, I beg to advise you that it is estimated that the number of containers required and the cost of the same, should the manufacture of 1,000,000 one centavo pieces and 2,000,000 five centavo pieces be authorized, would be as follows:-

One Centavos:

1,000,000 Pcs. 20,000 Pcs. per box 50 Boxes

Five Centavos:

2,000,000 10,000 Pcs. per box 200 "

Total ..... 250 "

The boxes can be manufactured at the Mint at a cost of 90¢ each.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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April 21, 1919.

The accompanying portion of the account current of J. L. Summers for the month of March, 1919, pertaining to appropriations under the administrative control of the office of the Director of the Mint, has received the administrative examinations required by law and is approved with the exception that it should carry credit of conceded disallowances against V.C.K.Robey (per Auditor's settlement of the July 1918 account), and their offset by CD #4835 dated March 31, 1919, credited to J. L. Summers, Disbursing Clerk, under appropriations Contingent Expense, Office of Director of the Mint 1918 - $1.20 and Contingent Expense, Office of Director of the Mint 1919 - $.60; total $1.80.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

April 23, 1919.

American Railway Express Co.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

Herewith I am forwarding check in the sum of $59,735.04, covering cost of transportation of silver from the Philadelphia Mint to San Francisco on March 24, 1919.

Kindly receipt both copies of the attached voucher and return to this office.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L
Encl.

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April 22, 1919.

Messrs. Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

I take pleasure in complying with your request of the 21st instant and am forwarding herewith letters of introduction to the Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia and the United States Assay Office at New York, for Messrs. Gerrish and Leach.

Refining and parting of gold and silver has not been carried on at the Philadelphia Mint for several years, therefore, to make inspection of such work it will be necessary to visit the New York Assay Office.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

April 22, 1919.

Messrs. Gordon & Goldstein,
1814 First Avenue,
Birmingham, Alabama.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to advise you that the package mentioned in yours of the 19th inst., said to contain gold, has been received at this Bureau and forwarded unopened to the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York, who will remit to you the value of the deposit.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 23, 1919.

Mr. Oscar C. Sandberg,
Deputy Sheriff,
Rockford, Illinois.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 21st inst., will state that the value of the silver in the United States silver dollar at the present time, based on the Government buying price of $1.00 per fine ounce, is $0.7734375. On the same basis the price was the same on May 1, 1918. This is the true basis for valuation of the silver in the silver dollar since the passage of the Act of April 23, 1918, as the world price of silver is now dependent upon the price in the United States.

The basis formerly used for valuing the silver in the silver dollar was the London price of silver, with exchange at par. On this basis the value of the silver in the United States silver dollar on May 1, 1918 was $0.83502 and at the present time is $0.82972.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 23, 1919.

American Railway Express Co.,
119 West 19th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Herewith I am returning your bills Nos. A-12-101 and A-12-110 in amounts $178.34 and $492.00, requesting that separate bills be rendered for the silver coin and for the minor coin shipped from Philadelphia as well as that shipped from San Francisco.

These bills are payable by disbursing officers located in different cities, which necessitates the separation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
F-L

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April 24, 1919.

Mr. W. R. Ingalls,
115 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

Responding to your request of April 23rd, I take pleasure in enclosing herewith copies of the report of this Bureau for the fiscal years 1916 and 1917, in which I trust you will find the information you desire.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reily

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encls.
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April 23, 1919.

Messrs. Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed herewith find voucher for $11,969.28 covering charges on shipment of March 29th, from Philadelphia to San Francisco, consisting of silver bullion to the value of $1,548,419.07.

Please place the same in proper line for payment, and oblige

Respectfully,

M. McReily

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
C-L

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April 24, 1919.

Mr. David Fitzpatrict,
Dept. of Public Utilities,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Sir:-

Replying to that part of your letter of the 11th inst., addressed to the United States Department of Agriculture and by that office referred to this Bureau, regarding the book entitled "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint at Philadelphia", I beg to advise that the same is a volume consisting of about 600 pages and is for sale by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., at $1.00 a copy.

Regretting that we have none of these books for gratuitous distribution, I am

Respectfully,

M. McRiehy

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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April 24, 1919.

Mr. V. H. Forrester,
Star Route South,
St. Jo, Texas.

Sir:-

I beg to advise you that I have forwarded your specimen and letter, sent this Bureau on the 14th instant, to the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, who will advise you further in regard to same.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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April 25, 1919.

Will L. Frederick, Inc.,
Hinton,
West Virginia.

Gentlemen:-

Your letter of April 5th addressed "United States Assay Office, Washington, D.C.", a copy of which appears to have been sent by you to the Geological Survey under date of April 21st, has by the Post Office Department been delivered to this Bureau.

There is no United States Assay Office in Washington under the Government. The package is returned herewith with the information that there is no laboratory under government control in Washington where assays of such material are made for the public.

The United States Mint Philadelphia is authorized to make assays of rolled or filled plate at a charge of $4.00 for each assay.

Respectfully.

W. Nos Rawlls,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

April 25, 1919.

Chicago, Burlington
& Quincy Railroad Co.,
547 W. Jackson Boulevard,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:-

Herewith I am returning your bill No. 23549 in amount $883.65 with supporting Bills of Lading, with the request that separate bills be rendered for the charges on each Bill of Lading, as the charges are payable by offices located in different cities.

Upon receipt of the new bills they will be placed in line for early payment.

Respectfully,

[signature]

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
EJ.

April 25, 1919.

Dear Senator Henderson:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 21st, enclosing a letter from Bert S. Dowling, in regard to securing a position as Weigher or Sampler in the Customs Service.

Mr. Dowling was appointed in the United States Mint at Carson, Nevada, on Sept. 1, 1902 as a Cupeller. On Jan. 16, 1906 he was promoted to the position of Assistant Assayer. On March 15, 1914, Mr. Dowling resigned his position voluntarily.

I take pleasure in stating that Mr. Dowling's record in the Mint Service was uniformly good. He was considered an efficient member of the force at the Carson Mint during the entire period of his employment there.

Yours very truly,

R. O. Baker

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Charles B. Henderson,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

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April 25, 1919.

U. S. Civil Service Commission,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

Referring to the temporary appointment of James E. Hall as a Special Guard at the Denver Mint and to your statement that the appointment of Mr. Hall would be approved under the Executive Order of March 26, 1917, subject to qualifying under an appropriate examination with restrictions against increase in his compensation without prior approval of the Commission, I beg to request that the necessary steps be taken by the Commission to permit Mr. Hall to qualify for appointment under the conditions indicated.

Respectfully,

W. M. Kelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 26, 1919.

Mr. H. P. Willis, Director,
Division of Analysis & Research,
Federal Reserve Board,
511 Philosophy Hall,
116th Street,
New York City.

Sir:-

As per your request of January 14, 1919, I beg to advise that that part of the United States Mint receipts of gold for the quarter Jan.-March 1919, which may be classed under the headings indicated, follows:-

	Fine ozs.
Unrefined bullion from domestic material	184,724
" " " foreign "	96,570
Private Refinery product	816,694

Respectfully,

W. McAdoo

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 26, 1919.

Auditor for the Treasury Dept.,
Graham Building,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I beg to state that the following are the rates at which the Kalbfleisch Corporation have contracted to supply the New York Assay Office with acids for the fiscal year 1919:-

Sulphuric Acid, 66° Baume, Commercial, per lb, ----------	$.02
Muriatic Acid, Commerical, per lb., ----------	.025
Nitric Acid, 40° Baume, free from chlorine, per lb., ----------	.09

Respectfully,

R. W. Woodall,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

April 29, 1919.

Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of April 23rd relative to a letter addressed to the Custodian of the New York Assay Office by the Superintendent of Construction in charge of the new work at the United States Assay Office building, in regard to discharge of hot water from the heating system of the present building into the terra cotta sewer constructed in connection with the mechanical equipment of the new building, I beg to say that the letter was forwarded to the Superintendent of the New York Assay Office and I am enclosing herewith a copy of his reply.

This Bureau will appreciate your advice as to what action can be taken in the matter by your office, in conformity with the recommendation contained in the letter of the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York, looking to the repair of the well in the basement of the present building so that the water supply therein, which is practicable for the purpose, might be used as a cooling plant for such hot water as is discharged from the building.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

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April 30, 1919.

Messrs. Handy & Harman,
69 Cedar Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed herewith find voucher in the amount of $65,124.75, covering charges on shipment of silver bullion, April 25, 1919, from Philadelphia to San Francisco, valued at $6,424,935.44.

Please place the same in proper line for payment, and oblige,

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

April 30, 1919.

Mrs. Herbert Rights,
Franklin & Wilson Sts.,
Pottstown, Pa.

Madam:-

Your letter of April 28th, enclosing a counterfeit half dollar, has this day been referred to the Secret Service Division of the Treasury Department, in accordance with the usual custom in such cases.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

May 1, 1919.

Miss Harrold,
Westoyer,
Virginia.

Madam:-

Replying to your letter of April 28th, I beg to advise you that we will be unable to receive the material described therein. The Mints and Assay Offices are required to receive gold in sums valued at $100.00 and over. The charges we would be obliged to impose on the described gold medals would not warrant your sending them to our institutions.

The institutions of the Mint Service do not receive gold in the form of quartz.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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Director of the Mint.

"Contingent Expense, Office of the Director of the Mint 1919".

May 1st 9.

Mackall Bros.,
925 H St., N.E., Washington, D.C.

ector of the Mint, Treasury Dept., Washington, D.C.

Nitric Acid - C. P., sp. gr. 1.42; in
7-pound bottles; 10 bottles to case 70 lb. .16¾ 11 73

11 73

Acting Director of the Mint.

May 1, 1919.

Navy Department,
Bureau of Navigation,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

Herewith find bill of the Philadelphia Mint in the sum of $1.90 for manufacture of duplicate West Indies medal with six extra bars, per copy of order attached.

Please cause transfer settlement to be made crediting the following appropriations in the amounts indicated:-

Wages of workmen, Mint at Philadelphia 1919	$1.72
Contingent expense, Mint at Philadelphia 1919	.18
Total	$1.90

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L.
Encl.

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May 1, 1919.

Headquarters,
U.S. Marine Corps,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

Herewith find bill of the Philadelphia Mint in the sum of $560.26, for manufacture of 1,000 good conduct medals, as per copy of authority and receipt attached.

Please cause transfer settlement to be made crediting the following appropriations in the amounts indicated:-

Wages of workmen, Mint at Philadelphia 1919	$456.61
Contingent expense, Mint at Philadelphia 1919	103.65
Total	$560.26

Respectfully.

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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F-L.
Encl.

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May 1, 1919.

Mr. Y. Gonzales, c/o
Mercantile Bank of the Americas,
44 Pine Street,
New York City.

Sir:-

In reply to your inquiry of April 29th, I have to advise that the value of the Chinese yuan dollar given in the publication of this Bureau, "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World", page 51, is correct. This may be verified by referring to page 236 of the 1911 annual report of the Director of the Mint, and it has also been verified by inquiry at the Chinese Legation.

I am unable to account for the figures given by Consul General George E. Anderson, as published in the 1914 annual report of the Director of the Mint.

Very truly yours,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

April 30, 1919.

Commandant,
U.S. Coast Guards,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Herewith find bill of the Philadelphia Mint in the sum of $715.10, for furnishing 5 gold and 40 silver medals as per your order of Feb. 15, 1919, copy attached.

Please cause transfer settlement to be made crediting the following appropriations in the amounts indicated:-

Wages of workmen, Mint at Philadelphia 1919.....	$121.30
Contingent expense, Mint at Philadelphia 1919...	593.80
Total.....	$715.10

Respectfully,

M McRaelby
Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L
Encl.

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

May 3, 1919.

American Railway Express Co.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed herewith find check in the sum of $65,124.75, covering express charges on shipment of silver from the Philadelphia Mint to San Francisco on April 25th, consisting of 9958 bars weighing 8,424,935.44 ounces.

Kindly returned vouchers duly receipted, and oblige,

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encls.
C-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

May 3, 1919.

The Union Deposit
and Trust Company,
Waynesburg, Pa.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of the gold bar enclosed in yours of the 30th ultimo. The bar has been forwarded to the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York, who will remit to the value of the same.

Respectfully,

M. Friedsam

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

May 3, 1919.

Modern Tool Company,
Erie, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your inquiry of April 30th, I have to state that your bill against the New York Assay Office in amount $2,575.00, covering order #1003, was settled by the Auditor for the Treasury Department, April 5th.

If you have not yet received Treasury warrant covering this item, inquiry should be addressed to the Treasurer of the United States making reference to settlement of the Auditor for the Treasury Department, No. 73436, dated April 5, 1919.

Respectfully,

W. M. Kelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

May 5, 1919.

Clendenin Bros.,
Clendenin Bldg.,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:-

Please advise this Bureau on or before May 7th, the rate at which you will deliver to the United States Mint building, Denver, Colorado, 40 tons of electrolytic copper ingots for use in the manufacture of bronze coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

Washington,

May 6, 1919.

...s Crucible Company
Jersel City, N. J.

Your offer graphite goods delivered to Mint San Francisco accepted.

Director Mint.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1919.

...USINESS.
...MENT RATES.
...E TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ----------

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

May 5, 1919.

Pacific Gas & Electric Co.,
145 Sutter Street,
San Francisco, Calif.

Gentlemen:-

As per your request of the 28th ult., I am enclosing herewith copy of the decision of the Comptroller of the Treasury relative to your claim for increased rates on your contract with the San Francisco Mint.

The Comptroller of the Treasury had before him when making this decision, copy of the contract in question, also letter of the Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint dated Sept. 20, 1918, copy of which is also enclosed herewith.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encls.
F-L

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May 6, 1919.

Mr. A. Knowles,
656 John R. St.,
Detroit, Mich.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of May 3rd, I beg to advise you that in the year 1804, 19,570 silver dollars were coined.

The dies for coins are not used after the year for which they are made.

I am not able to advise you how many of these coins are in circulation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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May 6, 1919.

Joseph Dixon Crucible Co.,
Jersey City,
New Jersey.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to confirm following telegram sent you this day:-

"Your offer graphite goods delivered to Mint San Francisco accepted".

Will you please forward to this Bureau a copy of your letter covering your proposal to furnish graphite goods to the Mint at San Francisco, which was accepted by above telegram.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

May 6, 1919.

Bloom Bros.,
66 Beaver St.,
New York City.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of May 1st asking for an estimate on the coinage of 1,000,000 one cent nickel pieces for the Government of Salvador, I beg to submit the following:-

Coinage Cost $4.00 per M. Pcs.
Alloy 75% Copper 25% Nickel

Metal Required:
4,133.57 lbs. Electrolytic Copper
(99.90 copper content)
1,377.86 " Shot Nickel
(99.00 nickel cobalt content)

The above metal would have to be delivered to the Mint at Philadelphia if this coinage is undertaken.

Coinage cost includes working dies, the master die and hub being held in this mint.

Fifty packing boxes will be necessary to contain the coins, which boxes can be furnished at 90¢ each.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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May 6, 1919.

Mr. Chas. M. Carter,
Scottsville,
Kentucky.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of April 28th relative to land upon which it is claimed gold has been discovered, I regret that we are unable to assist you in the matter of disposing of this property.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

May 6, 1919.

Mr. Edward C. Long,
c/o B. L. Lee,
Dante, Virginia.

Sir:-

I am returning herewith the letter enclosed in yours of the 28th ult. and regret that we are unable to serve you in regard to forwarding mail to the Griffin Company.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

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May 6, 1919.

Mr. R.B.Parsons,
Box 695,
Hurley, N.M.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of April 28th, I beg to advise that the coinage mints are located as follows:- Philadelphia, Denver, San Francisco.

Coins manufactured at the Philadelphia Mint are known by the absence of the mint mark, those at Denver, Colorado, by the letter "D" and those at the Mint at San Francisco by the letter "S".

The Mint at New Orleans and the Mint at Carson are now operated as Assay Offices, no coinage being executed at either of those institutions.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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May 6, 1919.

Administrative Division,
Ordnance Bureau of the War Dept.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

Attention Capt. P.E.Galleher,
Advisory Section.

Herewith I am forwarding bill of the New York Assay Office in the sum of $11,815.42, covering charges on platinum work performed for the War Department, deposits No. 935 to 2970.

Attention is invited to deposit No. 991, which has not received the approval of the Zone Finance Officer in New York, but which is supported by accompanying duplicate assay report for consideration of Capt. Galleher, whom, it is understood, is familiar with this transaction.

It is requested that the bill be expedited for settlement in order that the funds may be available for use to meet the expenses of the Assay Office during the remainder of the current fiscal year.

The amount of the bill should be credited to the following appropriations:-

Wages of workmen, Assay Office at New York 1919 ----------	$ 8,861.57
Contingent expense, Assay Office at New York 1919 ----------	2,953.85
Total ----------	$11,815.42

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
F-L

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May 6, 1919.

Auditor for the Treasury Dept.,
Grahan Building,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Will you kindly advise me whether the rates of charge and the land grant percentages are correctly indicated on the enclosed voucher with supporting Bill of Lading No. T254611, for transportation of copper from New York to Denver under date of January 25, 1919.

The reason for this request is that the bill is not subject to direct settlement by the Auditor, but is payable only by the Superintendent of the Denver Mint from the minor coinage metal fund; also that consideration of another voucher is envolved in the question of correct freight charges on this shipment.

Early reply with return of encloswres is requested.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L
Encls.

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May 6, 1919.

Mr. V. Gonzales,
c/o Mercantile Bank of the Americas,
44 Pine Street,
New York City.

Sir:-

Your letter of the 2nd inst. was duly received and after making further investigation I am of the opinion that the Chinese Yuan dollar and subsidiary coins are correctly described on page 51 of the "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World", compiled in this office in 1916. In this connection your attention is invited to the following:

The quotation on page 165 of the 1914 report of the Director of the Mint, of 72 candareens 90% fine silver, is equal to 648 thousandths of fine silver. The quotations on page 173 of the 1915 report and page 238 of the 1917 report of the Director of the Mint, of 6 mace, 4 candareens and 8 li are equivalent to 648 li or 648 thousandths. These weights are given as on the basis of the Treasury scale or Kuping tael, this tael being the equivalent of 37.301 grams.

It will therefore be apparent that the figures carried in the various reports of the Director of the Mint as reported by American representatives in China are basically correct. I am inclined to the opinion that the fractional differences of the gram equivalent, as reported by these gentlemen, are due to the use of different decimals in converting the weight of the Kuping tael to grams.

Please note that the report of Mr. Gause upon page 238 of the 1917 report of the Director of the Mint is made under date of September 14, 1916, and refers to the currency law in effect at that time, which time is subsequent to that mentioned by Mr. Ferrin as quoted on page 221 of the 1918 annual report of the Director of the Mint.

The United States Consul at Shanghi reported in June, 1918, that the description of the Chinese national currency law as reported on Page 51 of the "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World" was correct at that time, as to said currency law.

I note that you are preparing a new edition of your book "Modern Foreign Exchange" and would be much pleased to receive a copy of same when it is ready for distribution.

Respectfully,

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Director of the Mint.

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May 7, 1910.

Scovill Mfg. Co.,
Waterbury, Conn.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your telegram of May 7th, I beg to advise that we have no fine silver on hand at the present time which can be disposed of for commercial purposes.

Regretting that we cannot be of assistance to you in this case, I am

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

May 7, 1919.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ACTING CHIEF
OF THE DIVISION OF CUSTOMS

This Department has no definite information as to the currency of the new Czecho-Slovak Republic. It is believed that the old Austrian Kronen circulating within the limits of the new Republic have been surcharged and adopted by that Republic as its currency. In the absence of any official definitive information it is impossible to state what the currency of the Republic will be. It is assumed, in the meantime, that the actual value of the currency circulating in that country will be adopted for the purposes stated in the letter of C. B. Richard & Company. This value can be established either through the New York exchange brokers or Mr. F. I. Kent, Director of Foreign Exchange, Federal Reserve Board, 15 Wall Street.

Director of the Mint.

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May 7, 1919.

Western Union Telegraph Co.,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:-

With reference to your voucher #2262 covering telegrams sent by the office of the Director of the Mint during month of December 1918, I have to advise that the sum of 55¢ has been deducted on account of overcharges on night messages charged at day rates, see your sub-voucher #1361, first 4 items. There has also been deducted the sum of 69¢ covered by sub-vouchers Nos. 820 and 1613, herewith enclosed, these sub-vouchers pertaining to the office of the Treasurer of the United States instead of the office of the Director of the Mint.

Your bill in the sum of $20.32 is being approved for settlement in the sum of $19.08.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Encls.

May 7, 1919.

Asst. Federal Treasurer,
Pa. R.R., Broad St. Station,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

With reference to your inquiry of the 3rd inst., I. & C. File #6093, I have to advise that your bill No. 519/536 was settled by the Auditor for the Treasury Department under date of March 12, 1919, settlement No. 72727 in the sum of $11.19, the difference between the amount charged and this amount, $26.01, having been disallowed for the following reasons:-

The bill described covers charge on 1 Pickling Machine on skids, 6 Legs for Pickling Machine, 2000#, 4 Wooden Tanks, 1000#, 1 crate Gas Burner, 300#, 1 crate Blower, 50#, 1 box Line Belt and Sprocket, 40#, total 3390#, Brooklyn, Flatbush Ave. Sta., N.Y. to Philadelphia, Pa. on s/r 1-21/651, August 6, 1918.

Charged:

3390# as 24000# @ 15.5¢ 37.20

Allowed:

3390# @ 33/ (1) 11.19

Overcharge disallowed 26.01

Note: Shipt. consists of 1 Machine and Parts thereof, entitled to 1st. class, L.C.L., per C.C.44, page 244, item 9.
Tariff: R.R.R. G.O. I C.C.6213, supp.2.

Advice of the reasons for this disallowance accompanied the Auditor's notice of settlement forwarded you under date of March 12, 1919.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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May 7, 1919.

Mr. H.W.Dorsey,
Chief Clerk,
Smithsonian Inst.,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 5th, stating that the Director of Higher Education of the French Ministry of Public Instruction has written the Smithsonian Institution under date of April 16th, that the University of Strassburg, Alsace, is anxious to have its name placed on the list to receive regularly the annual report of the Director of the Mint.

I take pleasure in advising you that the name of the Director has been placed upon the mailing list and future reports will be forwarded through the Smithsonian Institution.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the annual report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1918, to be forwarded to the University of Strassburg, in your discretion.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

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May 7, 1919.

G. Amsinck & Co. Inc.,
90-96 Wall Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:-

Your letter of April 25th addressed to the "Third Assistant Postmaster General", has been forwarded to this office.

I beg to advise you that it would be impracticable for us to undertake the manufacture of dies for embossed stamped envelopes for foreign governments at the present time.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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May 7, 1919.

Mr. J.F.J.Powell,
Pensacola Shipbuilding Co.,
Pensacola, Florida.

Sir:

Your letter of April 21st addressed to the Secretary of State has been referred to this Bureau. In answer to your question you are informed that the United States is not purchasing Austrian money and is not likely to be a purchaser of that currency. This Bureau has no opinion as to what the rate on Austrian currency will be after the peace terms are signed.

If your question has reference to Austrian gold coin, such coin, like any other gold, may be deposited in any of the United States Assay Offices and the exact value of the gold content will be paid to the depositor.

Yours very truly,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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May 7, 1919.

Niagara Falls Dental Laboratory,
Suite 4208, Gluck Bldg.,
Niagara Falls, New York.

Gentlemen:-

I am returning herewith the gold strip enclosed in your letter of the 3rd inst., and beg to advise that there is no laboratory in Washington under the government where assays are made for the public.

If you will forward this specimen to the United States Mint Philadelphia, the strip will be tested for you in that institution. The charge for assaying gold and silver bullion is $2.00 for each sample.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl,

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May 7, 1919.

Mr. Thomas Tonge,
417 Quincy Bldg.,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of April 24th, I beg to advise you that approximately one hundred ninety five million standard silver dollars have been converted into bullion under the provisions of the Act of April 23, 1918.

I am unable to advise you as to the countries to which all of this bullion was shipped.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

9-L

May 7, 1919.

Deputy Master,
Royal Mint,
Melbourne,
Australia.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 27th, in which you refer to the account in the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1918, upon the working of the electric furnace recently installed in the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

In response to your request, it gives me much pleasure to enclose herewith descriptive matter relative to the furnace; an article which appeared in a scientific periodical in regard to the use of the furnace, together with photographs and mechanical drawings.

If I can be of any further service to you please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encls.

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May 7, 1919.

J. H. Gautier,
Jersey City,
New Jersey.

Sir:

I would thank you to bid on supplying the laboratory of this Bureau twelve muffles for the American Gas Furnace Company's cupel furnace of the following outside dimensions:-

Length	12½	inches
Height	5	"
Width	7	"

Each muffle to have a slot in the back 1½" above the bottom 3¼" long and ⅜" high. Also 6 back stoppers and 3 front stoppers in accordance with the dimensional sketches enclosed.

Please make your price delivered at the Treasury Building, Washington, D. C., and state how soon delivery could be made after placing the order.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

D-L

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May 6, 1919.

Chief,
Bureau of Insular Affairs,
War Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith the account of the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco against the Government of the Philippine Islands in the sum of $11,816.72, covering manufacture of:-

169,914.00	pesos	in 20	centavos
69,800.10	"	" 10	"
17,400.00	"	" 1	"

In payment of this account will you please cause the following amounts to be credited to the appropriations for the Mint at San Francisco 1919:-

Wages of workmen, ----------	$7,877.82
Contingent expense, --------	3,938.90
Total, ----------	$11,816.72

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

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May 8, 1919.

Director,
Bureau of Standards;
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of a box from the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Seattle, Washington, containing standard test weights. It is understood that the box contains weights from 500 ounces to 1/100 of an ounce.

The Assayer requests that the weights should be adjusted to Class A tolerance of the Bureau of Standards. I have to request that you will have this work done for us and report as to the corrections to be applied in using the weights.

A new set of weights will be purchased for the United States Assay Office at Seattle, if in your judgment these weights cannot be corrected in using.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L.

May 8, 1919.

Penn. Smelting Co.,
Pittsburg, Pa.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of May 6th relative to your report on the sales of silver, I will appreciate your courtesy if you will continue for the time being to forward this letter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L.

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May 8, 1919.

Hon. Albert Johnson,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Johnson:-

Replying to your request of May 7th, I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to Dr. W. L. Freeman, Tacoma, Washington, a copy of the report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1918 and advising him that the same has been sent at your request.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L.

May 8, 1919.

The Cleveland Trust Co.,
Broadway & Harvard Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Gentlemen:-

I am enclosing herewith the cent forwarded this Bureau on recent date, with the advice that it does not appear to be a counterfeit.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

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May 10, 1919.

Mr. Robert Grant,
Woolworth Bldg.,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of May 5th relative to the cost of certain coinage for the "Government of Montevideo" - probably Uruguay, I beg to submit the following estimate:-

5 Centesimos:

5,000,000 Pcs.	Cost of coinage	$4.00 per M pcs.
Weight of coin	5 Grams	
Diameter	23 Millimeters	
Alloy	75% Copper	25% Nickel

Metal Required:

41,336 Av. lbs.		Electrolytic copper (99.90 copper content
13,779 "	"	Screened Shot Nickel (99.00 nickel cobalt content)

2 Centesimos:

10,000,000 Pcs.	Cost of coinage	$4.00 per M pcs.
Weight of coin	3½ Grams	
Diameter	20 Millimeters	
Alloy	75% Copper	25% Nickel

Metal Required:

57,870 Av. lbs.		Electroyltic copper (99.90 copper content)
19,290 "	"	Screened Shot Nickel (99.00 nickel cobalt content)

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1 Centesimo:

5.000,000 Pcs.	Cost of coinage	$4.00 per M pcs.
Weight of coin	2 Grams	
Diameter	17 Millimeters	
Alloy	75% Copper	25% Nickel

Metal Required:

16,534 Av. lbs.	Electrolytic copper (99.90 copper content)
5,511 " "	Screened Shot Nickel (nickel cobalt content)

The above coinage costs include the cost of working dies only. The metal must be furnished and delivered at the mint. Boxes or kegs required in shipping will also be extra.

Before quoting on the master dies and hubs, samples of the three coins should be submitted in order to determine the work necessary on them.

All quotations cover the delivery of coin at the Philadelphia Mint only.

Before coinage is undertaken for a foreign government, it is customary to have the request forwarded to this Department through the State Department from the duly accredited representative of the foreign country interested.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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May 12, 1919.

Mr. V. Gonzales,
c/o Mercantile Bank
of the Americas,
44 Pine Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

Replying to your inquiry of the 8th inst., concerning the silver coins of Argentina, will state I am reliably informed that no silver coins circulate in Argentina, while the nickel and copper coins circulate as subsidiary to the paper currency.

The silver coinage provided by the monetary system can, therefore, doubtless be ignored for practical purposes.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

May 12, 1919.

Legation of
the United States,
Bangkok, Siam.

Gentlemen:-

In response to your request of March 18, 1919, I am enclosing herewith additional copies of the annual interrogitories to be filled in by the Siamese Government.

Regretting the oversight in original mailing, I am

Yours very truly,

Director of the Mint.

F-L
Encl.

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May 12, 1919.

National City Bank of New York
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

In reply to your inquiry, OPA, of the 7th inst., concerning publication of figures covering the approximate stocks of money in the principal countries of the world, I have to state that the latest such figures published were for the years 1914 and 1915, which appeared in the annual report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1916.

Partial data covering later periods are in hand and it is hoped that publication may be made of same in the report of the Director of the Mint for the current fiscal year, which will be issued early in December next; however, this is not assured at the present time.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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May 12, 1919.

Prof. Irving Fisher,
Yale University,
New Haven, Conn.

Sir:-

In reply to your inquiry of the 7th inst., will state that the Mint Service receipts of gold are not prepared by weeks or by months, but are prepared by quarters, and I take pleasure in indicating below the quarterly receipts during the calendar year 1918, which I hope will be of service to you:-

March	$26,664,256.66
June	44,930,259.45
Sept.	51,467,003.21
Dec.	26,354,491.09
Total	149,416,010.41

I might add that, normally, by far the larger part of the Mint receipts of gold come from domestic private refineries, and that the flow is not constant but fluctuates considerably; also that this material has usually been mined many months prior to its reaching the Mint Service.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

May 12, 1919.

Philadelphia News Bureau,
Independence Square, East,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of May 9th, I beg to advise you that the total number of silver dollars melted under the Act of April 23, 1918, to date amounts to approximately 250,000,000 dollars.

The greater part of the silver bullion resulting from the melting of the silver dollars has been sold for export, but exact figures are not available.

There is no law which permits the issue of silver certificates by the Treasury Department against silver bullion held by the Treasury.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

May 12, 1919.

Mr. John Hoberg,
96 Alfred Street,
Detroit, Mich.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of May 7th, I beg to advise that the Illinois Centennial Half Dollar issued in commemoration of the one hundreth anniversary of the admission of the State of Illinois into the union, is for sale by the Secretary of State, State of Illinois, Springfield, Illinois.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

May 12, 1919.

Mr. Robt B. Harshe,
Assistant Director,
Carnegie Institute,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 8th stating that Director Beatty has requested you to ask whether the original die of the high rimmed Augustus St. Gaudens twenty dollar gold piece was abandoned because it would not stack easily.

Replying, I beg to state that the relief of the twenty dollar gold piece, as it was first issued, was found to be too high and dies were made lowering the relief considerably.

The only dies now used at the Mints are those of the low relief and the Mints would not be authorized to use other than the accepted low relief dies now in use.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 12, 1919.

Bloom Bros.,
66 Beaver St.,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 9th, stating that you had ordered the metals required for the coinage of 1,000,000 one cent nickel pieces for the Government of Salvador to be delivered to the Mint at Philadelphia.

Under date of April 21st this office advised the Chancellor in Charge of the Salvador Consulate, New York, of the charges to be imposed for the coinage of 1,000,000 one-centavo pieces and 2,000,000 five-centavo pieces. Under date of April 24th the Chancellor advised the Bureau that he had submitted to his Government the information which we furnished and upon receipt of instructions he would communicate with us again. In the absence of definite instructions from the representative of the Salvador Government we are not able to proceed further with the preparations for this coinage.

I beg to advise you, however, that owing to the pressure upon the Mint at Philadelphia for domestic coinage, it will be impossible to undertake the execution of these orders, should they be placed, sooner than the latter part of July.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

May 12, 1910.

Hon. Ed. S. Johnson,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Johnson:-

Your letter of April 17th addressed to Hon. James H. Moyle, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, in the interest of Mr. M. T. McCall an employee of the United States Assay Office at Deadwood, has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

I have investigated the status of Mr. McCall and find that since 1898, when the positions of Janitor and Watchman were combined, he has been filling the position.

I should be very glad to recognize the faithful services of Mr. McCall by paying him higher wages, but the limited amount placed at my disposal for the support of the Deadwood Office will not permit me to do so.

A request for an increase in the wage appropriation for this office was made in the estimates of last year but was not provided.

Yours very truly,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

May 12, 1919.

Mr. James Ferguson,
295 Park Street,
Pasadena, Calif.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of April 30th, I beg to advise that I know of no appropriation under the control of the Government which we are authorized to use in the development of gold mines.

Regretting that I cannot be of some definite assistance to you. I am

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

May 12, 1919.

Mr. Joseph Gough,
2115 S. Central Pk.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:-

Your letter of May 5th addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has by him been referred to this Bureau for attention.

The coinage of a one half cent piece would require the passage of an act by Congress. Without this authority we would not be allowed to issue a coin of another denomination than those now in circulation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

May 13, 1919.

Mrs. R. E. Canning,
General Delivery,
Plainfield, N.J.

Madam:-

Replying to your letter of May 12th, I beg to state that we would be unable to purchase the copper kettle described by you. The Mint Service purchases copper in large quantities in the open market on competitive bids.

The Government does not pay a premium upon any issue of coins. Regretting that we cannot be of assistance to you, I am

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

May 13, 1919.

American Railway Express Co.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed herewith find check in the sum of $25,605.08, covering express charges on shipment of silver from Philadelphia to San Francisco on May 2nd.

Kindly return enclosed vouchers duly receipted, and oblige,

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encls.

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

May 14, 1919.

Mr. B. H. Hambrick,
National Tractor Co.,
211 North Lamar St.,
Dallas. Texas.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of May 7th addressed to the Treasury Department, I beg to advise that this department has no formula for polishing silver coins.

Your letter has been forwarded to the Director of the Bureau of Printing & Engraving for reply as to the treatment of paper money.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

May 14, 1919.

Mrs. Harriet Greenwood,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Madam:-

Your letter of May 9th addressed to the "Chief Clerk, Bond Department, Treasury Department", has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

Replying, I beg to state that there is no Sub-Treasury at Denver, Colorado.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O.L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

May 14, 1919.

Mr. O. H. Parker,
Gasparilla De Soto Co.,
Florida.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of May 7th addressed to Hon. Mitchell A. Palmer and forwarded to this Bureau for attention, I beg to advise that the government does not claim a premium on the value of property upon which precious metals may be found.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

May 14, 1919.

Mr. Wm. Martin,
Verona, Mich.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of May 2nd, addressed to the "Bureau of Information" and referred to this office, I beg to advise that gold and silver bullion are purchased at the Mints and Assay Offices and paid for by check on the Treasurer of the United States. The bullion is converted into coin in accordance with the demand made upon the Department, by the banks of the country.

The act of issuing a check in payment of bullion is the initial one which placed money in circulation.

In reply as to the different kinds of certificates issued by the Government, I am forwarding herewith copy of Department Circular #52 and refer you to pages 40 to 46, where you will find detailed description of the various kinds of paper money issued by the Government.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

May 15, 1919.

Clendenin Bros.,
Clendenin Bldg.,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

Please advise this Bureau, not later than the morning of May 17th, the rates at which you will furnish to the Mint at San Francisco 40 tons of electrolytic copper, 1025 lbs. of zinc and 700 lbs. of tin for minor coinage. Please include delivery to the Mint bldg.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

May 15, 1919.

American Railway Express Co.,
119 W. 19th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Herewith I am returning your bills Nos. B-1-208, B-2-133 and B-2-246 for correction.

From the first bill should be eliminated the item of coin transported from San Francisco to Washington, and a new bill rendered for same.

With reference to the second bill, bills of lading 231110 and 231115 have not been completed as to accomplishment, the weights not having been inserted, and on bill of lading 231115 the date of receipt being left out.

Concerning the third bill the two items should be rendered on separate bills as they are payable by different disbursing officers.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L
Encls.

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

May 15, 1919.

Mr. W. C. Nimmo,
201 S. Charles St.,
Baltimore, Md.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of May 14th, I beg to advise you that the United States Mint at Philadelphia and the Assay Office at New York receive deposits of silver and gold in quantities valued at $100.00 and over.

The institutions of the Mint Service do not purchase platinum.

If you wish to dispose of gold and silver in quantities approximating $100.00 in value and over, the material should be sent, charges prepaid, and payment will be made by check on the Treasurer of the United States after charges for treating the material have been deducted.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

May 15, 1919.

Bloom Bros.,
66 Beaver St.,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

I am today in receipt of a letter from the Chancellor of the Salvor Consulate, New York City, authorizing us to proceed with the coinage of 1,000,000 one-centavo nickel pieces and 2,000,000 five-centavo pieces for his government, and naming you as the agent.

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has this day been authorized to execute this coinage at the earliest practicable date.

Owing to the extraordinary pressure upon our Mints for domestic minor coinage it will be impossible for us to undertake the execution of this order until sometime in July. All preliminary preparations that it is possible for us to make will be made in order to expedite the work as much as possible.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

May 15, 1919.

Rev. C. J. Alton, C.M.,
St. Patrick's Church,
La Salle, Illinois.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of May 13th, I beg to advise you that the government does not pay a premium on old coins.

I am enclosing herewith a circular giving the regulations covering the receipt at the United States Mints of worn and uncurrent coin and trust this is the information you are seeking.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

May 15, 1919.

Mr. D. V. Griffith,
810 Lillian Street,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of May 12th, I beg to advise that the Columbia Half Dollar of 1892 has only face value.

There are many of them in circulation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

May 17, 1919.

Mr. West Plowman,
103 East Main St.,
Richmond, Ky.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 6th instant, enclosing a copper disk, I beg to advise that the same has no value.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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Director of the Mint,

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r Manufacturing Co.,

234 N. 23rd Street, Philadelphia, Pa. May 17th 9.

the Mint, Washington, D.C.

For American Gas Furnace Co. cupel furnace

Muffles 7 x 5 x 12	12	1	1.60	19	20
Back stoppers as per sketch	6	1	1.00	6	00
Front stoppers as per sketch	3	1	.60	1	80

It is understood that these are f.o.b. Treasury Bldg., Washington, D.C., and that you can make delivery in three weeks from date of order.

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Director of the Mint.

May 17, 1919.

Wells Fargo & Co. Express.
119 West 19th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Herewith I am forwarding your bill No. 4-12-85 in amount $542.77, together with correspondence concerning a discrepancy in weight.

With return of corrected bill please forward the correspondence.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

May 19, 1919.

Automatic Register Co.,
10 Wall Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of May 12th addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, which has been referred to this Bureau for attention, I beg to advise that the issue of a coin of another denomination than those now in circulation would require an act of Congress.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

May 19, 1919.

Davis Manufacturing Co.,
147 Franklin Street,
Buffalo, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of May 17th, I beg to state that there is no institution under the control of the Government in Washington where old gold deposits are received.

The United States Assay Office at New York receives gold filings in quantities approximating in value $100.00 and over and pays for the same by check on the Treasurer of the United States, after charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes have been deducted.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

May 19, 1919.

Mr. Z. L. Guthrie,
Elmore, Ohio.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 14th enclosing a draft for $5.00 to cover the cost of assaying a specimen of ore forwarded by you. There is no institution in Washington where such work is done for the public.

Your sample together with the draft has been forwarded to the United States Mint at New Orleans and the Assayer in Charge of that institution will report to you the result of his analysis.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

May 19, 1919.

Federal Auditor,
Spokane, Portland & Seattle Ry.,
Portland, Oregon.

Sir:-

Your letter of the 12th inst., MW:AW, pertaining to claim 5546, addressed to the Acting Chief Clerk and Superintendent of the Treasury Building, has been forwarded to me together with your draft for $11.20 pertaining thereto.

In this connection, I beg to invite attention to letter of this office dated April 11, 1919, copy enclosed, and to request that the original bill for transportation involved in this claim, forwarded with said letter of April 11, 1919, be returned to this office when I will be in a position to forward same to the Auditor for settlement and have this matter of long standing finally cleared up.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
F-L

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May 19, 1919.

Federal Treasurer,
New England Steamship Lines,
New Haven, Conn.

Sir:-

Herewith I am returning your bill No. 2743 in amount 32¢ for transportation of envelopes from Rockville, Conn. to New York. The Bill of Lading carries indication of delivery of these envelopes by the New York, New Haven & Hartford R. R. Company. If such was the case it would be necessary for them to release their claim to you in order that you may receive payment for the charges. If the Bill of Lading is incorrect in stating delivery by the railroad company, please have the Superintendent of the New York Assay Office make correction on same.

Return of bill at an early date is requested.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F.L

Encl.

May 20, 1919.

Mr. A. Mc Phail,
Union Bank of Scotland Ltd.,
62 Cornhill,
London, England.

Sir:-

Your letter of May 5th addressed to the "Director of the Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.", has been forwarded to this office.

Responding to your request I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you a copy of the report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1918, and have placed your name on the mailing list for future copies of this report.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 20, 1919.

Supt. of Supplies,
General Supply Committee,
Auditor's Building,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of May 17th, stating that the year.1920 General Schedule of Supplies is under preparation, I beg to state that this office will be obliged if you will forward 14 copies, one for each institution under jurisdiction of this Bureau and one for this office.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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May 21, 1919.

U. S. Civil Service Commission,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of May 17th relative to George V. Welch, who has been reinstated in the United States Mint at Denver, I beg to state that Mr. Welch left the service on June 12, 1917 and reported to Fort Riley to join the army with the understanding that he was to be restored to his position when he returned from the army.

Mr. Welch's reinstatement was authorized on the strength of this understanding.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

May 21, 1919.

Wells Fargo & Co. Express,
119 W. 19th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Herewith I am returning your bill No. A-12-240 in amount $24.00, with request that it be supported by the correspondence mentioned over the signatures of the Superintendent and Acting Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint, also by certificate that if lost bills of lading are found they will be surrendered to the United States without demand, as called for by paragraph 11 of instructions on reverse of the certificate of shipment.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
F-L

May 21, 1919.

Mr. G. H. Rand,
Manager of Collections,
Pacific Gas & Light Co.,
445 Sutter Street,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

I regret to learn from your letter of the 15th inst. that you apparently have not received my communication of May 5th with enclosures. Am therefore enclosing herewith copies of same which are self-explanatory.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L
Encls.

May 23, 1919.

Auditor for the
Treasury Department,
Graham Building,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

It has come to attention that settlement of the Auditor for the Treasury Department, No. 65187 dated May 22, 1918, contains an error in appropriation year of the appropriation chargeable with the amount of the claim - $1,361.23. The claim is charged against the appropriation "contingent expense, Assay Office at New York 1918" and should have been charged to the same appropriation for the fiscal year "1917".

Will you kindly cause claim to be reopened, one year having expired from the date of original settlement, and jurisdiction having passed to the Auditor, for correction. The Assay Office counted upon the availability of this money and it is needed to meet the liabilities of the 1918 appropriation. Evidence of the correctness of the appropriation [that for 1917] chargeable with this sum is on file with the original claim.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

May 22, 1919.

Pennsylvania Smelting Co.,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of May 20th, I beg to say that the United States Assay Office at New York is equipped to assay Dore Bullion in the refinery of that institution and I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a copy of the Table of Charges, now in effect, covering the treatment of such bullion.

There is no electrolytic refinery in the Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully.

M. Woolley

Acting Director of the Mint.

G-L.
Encl.

May 22, 1919.

Mrs. Serey Moore,
Salisbury Cove,
Maine.

Madam:-

Replying to your letter of May 15th, I beg to advise that the piece described therein is a token piece, many specimens of which were issued during the Civil War. It has no value.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

May 23, 1919.

Auditor for the
Treasury Department,
Graham Building,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith, duly approved, monthly contract entered into by the Salt Lake City Assay Office with the Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Company, for monthly telephone service the rate being $4.00 per month.

Please acknowledge receipt and oblige.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

May 23, 1910.

Hon. Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Public Moneys,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I have the honor to transmit herewith an account for freight on 500 coin bags sent from the Philadelphia Mint to the Mint at New Orleans and used in the shipment of silver dollars, which were forwarded to the Mint at Philadelphia to be melted.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

E.L.
Encl.

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

May 23, 1919.

Mr. J. H. Schmuckler,
The Magazine of Wall St.,
42 Broadway,
New York City.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of recent date, addressed to the United States Geological Survey, I beg to advise that we do not keep statistics of the specific purposes for which silver is to be put, which is sold for the industrial arts.

I am forwarding under separate cover copy of the report of the Director of the Mint which will give the latest statistics published by this department.

The report for 1918 will not be ready until sometime in October or November.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

May 24, 1919.

Mr. Jos. F. LaFarr,
R.F.D.#1, Box 74,
Gardner, Mass.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of May 22nd, I beg to advise that there are two types of twenty five cent pieces in circulation; a slight alteration was made in the die to scatter the stars more evenly.

The first die had the stars divided on either side while the second design carries some of the stars at the base of the coin. The latter type is the only one now being manufactured. Both designs are, however, legal.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O.L.

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

May 24, 1919.

Mr. Chas. J. Hopkins,
Greenville, S. C.

Sir;-

Replying to your letter of May 22nd, I beg to advise that the mints do not receive deposits of silverware unless they approximate in value $100.00 and over.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

May 24, 1919.

Assistant Cashier,
Federal Reserve Bank of Boston,
53 State Street,
Boston, Mass.

Sir:-

Your letter of May 22nd addressed to the "Director of the Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.", has been referred to this office. Replying, I beg to advise that the coinage of the 2¢ piece was authorized by an Act of Congress, dated April 22, 1864 and was discontinued by the Act of Feb. 12, 1873. The amount issued was $912,120.00.

The 3¢ piece was authorized by the Act of March 3, 1865 and the Act discontinuing the coinage was dated Sept. 26, 1890; of this coin $941,349.48 were issued.

The coins were not withdrawn from circulation, I am unable to advise you how many are still in circulation.

Replying to your inquiry for opinion of the department of minting either seven or eight cent pieces, I beg to state that an Act of Congress would be required to authorize us to manufacture any coin of another denomination than those now in circulation.

The Department has made no recommendation in regard to such legislation.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Q-L

May 24, 1919.

Chief, Division of
Printing & Stationery,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

In reply to your inquiry of the 23rd regarding the destruction of certain plates, I beg to state that the following may be destroyed:-

Reports Director Mint 1916 and 1917
General Instruction 1908,
Rules and methods for ascertaining weight and value gold and silver.
Supplement Laws of U.S. on Coinage 1912.

The other plates should not be destroyed and are so indicated on the sheets furnished,

Sample sheets numbered from 165 to 173 inclusive, are returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

AMH-HL
Encl.

May 24, 1919.

Mr. G. H. Rand,
Mgr. of Collections,
Pacific Gas & Electric Co.,
445 Sutter St.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

Replying to the request contained in your letter of the 5th inst., I am enclosing herewith copy of the decision mentioned in the letter from the Comptroller of the Treasury to the Secretary of the Treasury, November 14, 1917, 24 Comp. Dec., 290.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L
Encl.

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May 27, 1919.

The First National Bank,
Graettinger, Iowa.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of May 23rd, I beg to advise that the Government is not in the market for platinum.

During the war appeal was made by the War Department for deposits of platinum. A sufficient quantity having been received the government is no longer soliciting deposits.

Thanking you for your interest, I am

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

9-L

May 27, 1919.

Mr. F. P. Booth,
6531 Ayleshore Ave.,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of May 24th, I beg to state that the United States Assay Office at New York is authorized to purchase silver in quantities approximating $100.00 in value and over.

Such deposits as you describe, made up of tableware, would have to be melted before the exact value could be determined, a charge for melting being imposed and deducted from the value of the deposit.

Payment is made by check on the Treasurer of the United States for the silver contained in such deposits after charges have been deducted. The United States Assay Office at New York is now authorized to pay $1.00 an ounce for silver 1000 fine.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

May 27, 1919.

The American Federation of Arts,
1741 New York Avenue,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of May 24th transmitting a copy of the resolution passed by the American Federation of Arts at its Annual Convention held in the city of New York, May 15-17th, relative to a commemorial coinage, I beg to state that an Act of Congress would be required before the manufacture of any coin other than those now in circulation could be undertaken.

Should such legislation be undertaken I will refer to your letter with pleasure.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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May 27, 1919.

Mr. H. D. Brown, Chief,
Bureau of Efficiency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

As per your request of April 22, 1919, I am forwarding herewith two sets of the accounting forms employed in this office, also a copy of the Mint Regulations.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encls.
F-L

May 28, 1919.

Mr. S. E. Haynes,
Box No. 5,
Brandon, La.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of recent date, I beg to advise you that there is no institution in Washington, under the government, where assays of ore are made for the public. Assay of ores for gold and silver are made at the United States Mint at New Orleans at a charge of $1.00 for each assay.

A specimen to be satisfactorily analyzed should weigh approximately five pounds. The material should be sent by you, charges prepaid, to the Assayer in Charge, United States Mint New Orleans, if you wish to have this work done. The charge for assay would have to be prepaid.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

May 28, 1919.

Mr. H. T. Hogge,
Cranston,
Kentucky.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 26th enclosing check and sample of ore to be assayed. Your letter, together with the enclosures, has been forwarded to the Assayer in Charge of the Mint at New Orleans.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

May 28, 1919.

Mr. Fred Newman,
111 W. Washington St.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of May 26th, I beg to advise you that the price of $1.00 per ounce for silver, 1000 fine, as fixed by the Pittman Act of April 23, 1918, has been sustained through the year.

On May 6th the embargo on the export of silver was modified and the price of silver advanced. The official price in New York on May 27th was $1.0775. The price now changes from day to day.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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May 28, 1919.

Prof. Irving Fisher,
460 Prospect Street,
New Haven, Conn.

Sir:-

In conformity with your request of the 22nd inst., I am giving below the mint receipts of gold, by quarters, for the fiscal years 1915, 16 and 17:-

	1915	1916	1917
March	$39,272,839.36	$60,732,620.54	$227,047,684.18
June	41,525,824.89	135,406,128.08	148,477,775.25
Sept.	93,269,832.68	241,833,109.40	171,128,513.47
Dec.	205,091,645.60	291,332,017.24	63,512,475.07
Totals	$379,180,142.53	729,303,875.26	$610,166,447.97

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

May 28, 1919.

Mr. Parker D. Handy, Pres.,
Messrs. Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Handy:-

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of May 27th, I take pleasure in enclosing herewith letters of introduction for Mr. Selion and Mr. Matthey to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia and the Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York.

With personal regards, I am

Yours very truly,

Director of the Mint.

Encls.
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May 28, 1919.

Third Asst. Postmaster General,
Post Office Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Your letter of May 26th addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury relative to the manner of handling bullion shipments in the Mint at Carson has been forwarded to this office for attention.

An investigation is being made of the conditions at Carson with a view to relieving the situation as much as possible and when some policy has been determined upon I will immediately communicate with you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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May 28, 1919.

Mr. E. Long,
Dante, Virginia.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of May 22nd, I beg to advise that the following is the address of the company named therein:

"C. Griffin & Co.,
London,
England."

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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May 28, 1919.

Zimmermann & Forshay,
170 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of May 24th, relative to the manner in which silver contained in gold deposits is handled at the United States Assay Office at New York, I beg to say that the method described by you has been in effect several years and is the one followed by all of our institutions.

In this treatment of gold and silver deposits, the Assay Office is acting under the provision of Section 3520 R.S., which reads as follows:-

> ******** Silver bullion contained in gold deposits, and separated therefrom, may, however, be paid for in silver coin, at such valuations as may be, from time to time, established by the Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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May 28, 1919.

Mrs. Josephine Kamp,
Brooklandwood,
Sutherville, Md.

Madam:-

Replying to your letter of May 23rd, I beg to say that I am unable to advise you in regard to investments of any kind.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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May 28, 1919.

Mr. Benj. F. Hoff,
47 State Street,
Albany, New York.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of May 26th, I beg to advise that the preparation of proof sets of coin was discontinued several years ago and we have none in the Mints.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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May 28, 1919.

Mr. J. W. Callahan,
Raliegh, N. C.

Sir:-

I am returning herewith the dime enclosed in your letter of May 24th and beg to advise that the same is genuine.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

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May 28, 1919.

Miss Ella R. Faherty,
62 Hampshire St. W.,
Piedmont, Mineral Co.,
West Virginia.

Madam:-

Replying to your letter of recent date, I regret to advise you that the Mints do not purchase ore and we are therefore unable to receive the specimen described by you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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May 28, 1919.

Chief, Bureau of
Insular Affairs,
War Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, who is preparing dies for the Philippine coinage for the calendar year 1920, requests to be advised as to the mint mark, if any, to appear on the dies.

I beg to suggest for your information the following:-

The coins manufactured in the Mint at Philadelphia are known by the absence of a mint mark.

Coins made in the Mint at Denver have the letter "D".

Coins manufactured in the Mint at San Francisco have the letter "S".

If you will kindly advise me at your earliest convenience I will appreciate it.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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May 29, 1919.

American Railway Express Co.,
119 W. 19th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Herewith I am enclosing your bill No. B-1-34 in amount $504.10, for transportation of minor coin, with request that two bills be rendered, one for the first item which covers transportation of coin from the Asst. Treasurer of the United States at Philadelphia instead of from the Mint, the charges on same being payable by a different disbursing officer from the charges incident to the transportation of the other items.

The charges on the remainder of the items being payable by the same disbursing officer may be included on a single bill.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
F-L

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May 29, 1919.

Chief,
Bureau of Insular Affairs,
War Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Herewith find bill of the San Francisco Mint in the sum of $3,660.00 for the manufacture of 61,000 pesos in 5-centavo pieces.

Please cause the amount of the bill to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the following appropriations:-

Wages of workmen, Mint at San Francisco 1919	$2,440.
Contingent expense, Mint at San Francisco 1919	1,220.
Total	$3,660.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L
Encl.

May 29, 1919.

Mr. G. T. Dunlap,
Box No. 666,
East Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of May 27th, I am forwarding under separate cover a copy of the coinage laws, which will give you all the information we have available on the manner in which gold bullion is purchased and handled at the Mints and Assay Offices.

The department does not issue a booklet covering the laws of the department regarding accounting.

Respectfully,

R. W. Baker

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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May 31, 1919.

Auditor for the
Treasury Department,
Graham Building,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith, duly approved, contract of the Denver Gas & Electric Light Co. to furnish light and power to the United States Mint at Denver, Colorado, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1920.

Kindly acknowledge receipt and oblige,

Respectfully,

N. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

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June 2, 1919.

Mr. Sam. B. Frantz, Examiner,
Bureau of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

The annual settlement of the United States Mint at Philadelphia is to begin on Tuesday, June 10, 1919. You have been designated to act as chairman of the Committee.

You will obtain from the Superintendent, on form 976, a statement certified to by the bookkeeper, of the gold and silver bullion, coin and other moneys on hand on a day agreed upon for the close of the settlement, which shall be as of June 30, 1919. A statement of balances at the beginning of the settlement will not be required.

As early as practical in the settlement you should make arrangements with the Superintendent regarding the receipt of deposits during the settlement.

All of the bullion and coin on hand will be weighed or counted by you to ascertain if the amounts called for by the books are on hand, but it will not be necessary to open the vaults containing coin or bullion now under joint seal of the Superintendent and the representatives of this Bureau, but you will accept the certificates, attached to the vaults, of the amount contained therein as correct. You will place under joint seal any coin or bullion desired by the Superintendent and state the fact in your report.

In weighing the bullion delivered in settlement you will carefully note the character and quality of the same; whenever necessary you will take samples for check assays, but it should be noted that chip or drill samples of brittle bullion or bullion over 50 in base metals are liable to give assays differing from the reported fineness.

You are authorized to call upon the Treasurer of the United States for the balances in the checking accounts of the Superintendent. In order to get the information needed, request should be made in time for preparation of depositary statements and for mail to reach you, from Washington, by the time the information is required for use; and your message should ask for the mailing of statements of checks paid and balances for all disbursing accounts of the Superintendent to the latest practicable date in order to surely reach you by the date required.

You are directed to make careful inquiry into the possible sources of gain and loss of bullion in the different divisions of the institution, from the amount charged thereto per the bookkeeper's and other records; stating so far as practicable, the results of mass melting, of making ingots more or less

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than 900 fine while accounting for them at 900; the quantity of silver not paid for in gold deposits containing less than 8 thousandths of silver, and the results from all other sources of gain and loss that may come to your notice. Please reconcile these figures, giving estimates where necessary, with the net gains and losses for the year.

As required during the course of the settlement you will obtain from the officers, statements signed by them of the material in their possession, which you will use in checking off the material as delivered.

Before closing the settlement, you will obtain from each officer a certificate of delivery of material on Form 986. You will also obtain from each officer a statement of any coin, precious metal or minor coinage metal in his possession, but not charged to him on the books.

Form 900 and 901 will not be required by the settlement officers, but should be forwarded by the Superintendent to the Bureau as soon after the close of the settlement as possible.

Minor coinage metal, including ingots and clippings, will not be weighed by the Committee, but will be accepted at the quantities certified to by the bookkeeper if inspection by the Committee gives reasonable assurance that the quantity so certified is on hnd, and if the records of quantity operated upon reasonably support the wastage claimed.

The report of the Committee should show:-

The quantities of the different kinds of metal delivered to the Committee from the melting and refining and from the coinage departments, the amounts with which charged per bookkeeper's certificate on Form 976, and the difference, whether gain or loss; the amounts delivered from other divisions of the institution and whether or not they agree with the bookkeeper's certificate; the amounts placed under joint seal; results of the inquiry into the sources of gain and loss with reasons, so far as obtainable, for any apparently excessive loss; and other matters of consequence coming to the attention of the committee.

You will accept and forward withmyour report a certified inventory of the stores and other property under the control of the Superintendent, this inventory will not be completely checked but a general survey of the materials will be made.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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Mr. John Wells, Supt.,
Coining Dept., U.S.Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

The annual settlement of the Assay Office at New York will begin on Monday, June 23, 1919. You have been designated to act as chairman of the Committee.

You will obtain from the Superintendent, on Norm 976, a statement certified to by the bookkeeper, of the gold and silver bullion, coin and other moneys on hand on a day agreed upon for the close of the settlement, which shall be as of June 30, 1919. A statement of balances at the beginning of the settlement will not be required.

All of the bullion on hand will be weighed by you to ascertain if the amounts called for by the books are on hand. It will not be necessary to open the vaults containing bullion now under joint seal of the Superintendent and the representatives of this Bureau, but you will accept the certificates attached to the vaults of the amount contained therein as correct. You will place under joint seal any bullion indicated by the Superintendent for storage, and state the fact in your report.

As early as practicable in the settlement please make arrangments with the Superintendent regarding the receipt of deposits during the settlement.

In weighing the bullion delivered in settlement please note the character and quality of the same; whenever necessary you will take samples for check assays, but it should be noted that chip or drill samples of brittle bullion, or bullion over 50 in base metals are liable to give assays differing from the reported fineness.

You are authorized to call upon the Treasurer of the United States for the balance in the checking accounts of the Superintendent. In order to get the information needed, request should be made in time for the preparation of depository statements and for mail to reach you, from Washington by the time the information is required for use. Your message should ask for the mailing of statements of checks paid and balances for all disbursing accounts of the Superintendent to the latest practicable date approximating the date the figures are needed.

You will please make careful inquiry into the possible sources of gain or loss of bullion in the different divisions of the institution from

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the amount charged in the bookkeeper's and other records, stating, so far as practicable, the results of mass melting, the quantity of silver not paid for in gold deposits containing less than 8 thousandths of silver, and the results from all other sources of gain or loss that may come to your attention. Please reconcile these figures, giving estimates where necessary, with the net gains and losses for the year.

As required during the course of the settlement you will obtain from the officers, statements signed by them of the material in their possession, which you will use in checking off the material as delivered.

Before closing the settlement please obtain from each officer a certificate of delivery of material on Form 936. You will also obtain from each officer a statement of the precious metals in his possession, including platinum, paladium, etc. but not charged to him on the books. The statements should be verified as to the amounts as far as practicable.

Form 900 will not be required by the settlement officers, but should be forwarded by the Superintendent to the Bureau as soon after the close of the settlement as possible.

The report of the Committee should show:-

The quantities of the different kinds of metal delivered to the Committee from the melting and refining and from the coinage department, the amounts with which charged per the bookkeeper's certificate on Form 976, and the difference, whether gain or loss; the amounts delivered from other divisions of the institution and whether or not they agree with the bookkeeper's certificate; the amounts placed under joint seal; results of inquiry into the sources of gain and loss with reasons, so far as obtainable, for any apparently excessive loss; and other matters of consequence coming to the attention of the committee.

You will accept and forward with your report a certified inventory of the stores and other property under the control of the Superintendent; this inventory will not be completely checked but a general survey of the materials will be made.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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June 2, 1919.

Mr. E. D. Hawkins,
Chief Clerk, U.S.Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

The annual settlement of the United States Mint at Denver is to begin on Tuesday, June 10, 1919. You have been designated to act as chairman of the committee.

You will obtain from the Superintendent, on form 976, a statement certified to by the bookkeeper, of the gold and silver bullion, coin and other moneys on hand on a day agreed upon for the close of the settlement, which shall be as of June 30, 1919. A statement of balances at the beginning of the settlement will not be required.

All of the bullion and coin on hand will be weighed or counted by you to ascertain if the amounts called for by the books are on hand, but it will not be necessary to open the vaults containing coin or bullion now under joint seal of the Superintendent and the representatives of this Bureau, but you will accept the certificates, attached to the vaults, of the amount contained therein as correct. You will place under joint seal any coin or bullion desired by the Superintendent, and state the fact in your report.

As early as practical in the settlement you should make arrangements with the superintendent regarding the receipt of deposits during the settlement.

In weighing the bullion delivered in settlement you will carefully note the character and quality of the same; whenever necessary you will take samples for check assays, but it should be noted that chip or drill samples of brittle bullion or bullion over 50 in base metals are liable to give assays differing from the reported fineness.

You are authorized to call upon the Treasurer of the United States for the balances in the checking accounts of the Superintendent. In order to get the information needed, request should be made in time for preparation of depositary statements and for mail to reach you, from Washington, by the time the information is required for use; and your message should ask for the mailing of statements of checks paid and balances for all disbursing accounts of the Superintendent to the latest practicable date in order to surely reach you by the date required.

You are directed to make careful inquiry into [illegible]sible sources of gain and loss of bullion in the different divisions of [illegible]e institution, from the amount charged thereto per the bookkeeper's and other records; stating, so far as practicable, the results of mass melting, of making ingots more or less than 900 fine while accounting for them at 900; the quantity of silver not paid for in gold deposits containing less than 8 thousandths of silver, and the

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results from all other sources of gain and loss that may come to your notice. Please reconcile these figures, giving estimates where necessary, with the net gains and losses for the year.

As required during the course of the settlement you will obtain from the officers, statements signed by them of the material in their possession, which you will use in checking off the material as delivered.

Before closing the settlement, you will obtain from each officer a certificate of delivery of material on Form 986. You will also obtain from each officer a statement of any coin, precious metal or minor coinage metal in his possession, but not charged to him on the books.

Form 900 and 901 will not be required by the settlement officers, but should be forwarded by the Superintendent to the Bureau as soon after the close of the settlement as possible.

Minor coinage metal, including ingots and clippings, will not be weighed by the Committee, but will be accepted at the quantities certified to by the bookkeeper if inspection by the Committee gives reasonable assurance that the quantity so certified is on hand, and if the records of quantity operated upon reasonably support the wastage claimed.

The report of the Committee should show:-

The quantities of the different kinds of metal delivered to the Committee from the melting and refining and from the coinage departments, the amounts with which charged per bookkeeper's certificate on Form 976, and the difference, whether gain or loss; the amounts delivered from other divisions of the institution and whether or not they agree with the bookkeeper's certificate; the amounts placed under joint seal; results of the inquiry into the sources of gain and loss with reasons, so far as obtainable, for any apparently excessive loss; and other matters of consequence coming to the attention of the committee.

You will accept and forward with your report a certified inventory of the stores and other property under the control of the Superintendent, this inventory will not be completely checked buta general survey of the materials will be made.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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Mr. F. H. Chaffin,
Chief Clerk, U.S.Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

The annual settlement of the United States Mint at San Francisco is to begin on Tuesday, June 10, 1919. You have been designated to act as chairman of the Committee.

You will obtain from the Superintendent, on form 976, a statement certified to by the bookkeeper, of the gold and silver bullion, coin and other moneys on hand on a day agreed upon for the close of the settlement, which shall be as of June 30, 1919. A statement of balances at the beginning of the settlement will not be required.

All of the bullion and coin on hand will be weighed or counted by you to ascertain if the amounts called for by the books are on hand, but it will not be necessary to open the vaults containing coin or bullion now under joint seal of the Superintendent and the representatives of this Bureau, but you will accept the certificates, attached to the vaults, of the amount contained therein as correct. You will place under joint seal any coin or bullion desired by the Superintendent and state the fact in your report.

As early as practical in the settlement you should make arrangements with the Superintendent regarding the receipt of deposits during the settlement.

In weighing the bullion delivered in settlement you will carefully note the character and quality of the same; whenever necessary you will take samples for check assays, but it should be noted that chip or drill samples of brittle bullion or bullion over 50 in base metals are liable to give assays differing from the reported fineness.

You are authorized to call upon the Treasurer of the United States for the balances in the checking accounts of the Superintendent. In order to get the information needed, request should be made in time for preparation of depositary statements and for mail to reach you, from Washington, by the time the information is required for use; and your message should ask for the mailing of statements of checks paid and balances for all disbursing accounts of the Superintendent to the latest practicable date in order to surely reach you by the date required.

You are directed to make careful inquiry into the possible sources of gain and loss of bullion in the different divisions of the institution, from the amount charged thereto per the bookkeeper's and other records; stating, so far as practicable, the results of mass melting, of making ingots more

or less than 900 fine while accounting for them at 900; the quantity of silver not paid for in gold deposits containing less than 8 thousandths of silver, and the results from all other sources of gain and loss that may come to your notice. Please reconcile these figures, giving estimates where necessary, with the net gains and losses for the year.

As required during the course of the settlement you will obtain from the officers, statements signed by them of the material in their possession, which you will use in checking off the material as delivered.

Before closing the settlement, you will obtain from each officer a certificate of delivery of material on Form 986. You will also obtain from each officer a statement of any coin, precious metal or minor coinage metal in his possession, but not charged to him on the books.

Form 900 and 901 will not be required by the settlement officers, but should be forwarded by the Superintendent to the Bureau as soon after the close of the settlement as possible.

Minor coinage metal, including ingots and clippings, will not be weighed by the Committee, but will be accepted at the quantities certified to by the bookkeeper if inspection by the Committee gives reasonable assurance that the quantity so certified is on hand, and if the records of quantity operated upon reasonably support the wastage claimed.

The report of the Committee should show:-

The quantities of the different kinds of metal delivered to the Committee from the melting and refining and from the coinage departments, the amounts with which charged per bookkeeper's certificate on Form 976, and the difference, whether gain or loss; the amounts delivered from other divisions of the institution and whether or not they agree with the bookkeeper's certificate; the amounts placed under joint seal; results of the inquiry into the sources of gain and loss with reasons, so far as obtainable, for any apparently excessive loss; and other matters of consequence coming to the attention of the committee.

You will accept and forward with your report a certified inventory of the stores and other property under the control of the Superintendent, this inventory will not be completely checked but a general survey of the materials will be made.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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Dear Mr. Chaffin:-

I am enclosing herewith transportation request covering Pullman service from Los Angeles to Denver and from Denver to Chicago.

I hope your trip to the west will be very confortable and successful.

Sincerely yours,

Director of the Mint.

Mr. F. H. Chaffin,
Chief Clerk, U.S.Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Encl.
O-L

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June 6, 1919.

Mr. F. E. Cooper,
The World Almanac,
Pulitzer Building,
Park Row, N. Y.

Sir:-

With reference to your letter of May 30th, I have to advise that the final figures on "1918 production of gold and silver in the United States" will not be available yet for about two months.

No change is required in the data concerning United States Monetary Systems.

The 1918 data on World's Production and Consumption of Gold and Silver will not be available until about November.

A proclamation by the Secretary of the Treasury earlier than October 1, 1919, covering foreign coin values in United States money would be of value in your 1920 almanac but not of as much value as the proclamation dated Oct. 1, 1919.

Please advise me further as to your wishes concerning the above.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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June 3, 1919.

Mr. Sam Goldstien,
341 Clinton Street,
Detroit, Michigan.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of May 31st, I beg to advise you that the United States Assay Office at New York pays $1.00 an ounce for silver 1000 fine.

Scrap silver is not received in quantities which do not approximate $100.00 in value and over.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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June 5, 1919.

The Farmers Bank,
Gardner, Kansas.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of May 29th, I beg to advise you that "Trade Dollars" are received only as bullion. They have no value as coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

June 2, 1919.

Mr. W. L. Hill,
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith blank forms of voucher to be used in rendering your travel expense account in accordance with your request of the 29th ultimo.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

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June 3, 1919.

Press Illustrating Service,
142 West 23rd Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of May 2nd, addressed to the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia, I beg to advise you that it would be inexpedient to have photographs taken of the mint processes at the present time.

You probably are aware also that it would be unlawful to illustrate coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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June 3, 1919.

Auditor for the Treasury Dept.,
Grahan Building,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Please cause settlement to be made for the abrasion on silver dollars melted for sale as bullion, as below:-

Authority	Face Value	Legal Weight	Weight before melting	Abrasion
		Fine ounces	Fine ounces	Fine ozs. at $1.00.
Mar. 13, 1919 (Part)	$ 6,129,000)			
" 28, 1919	10,000,000)			
Apr. 14, 1919	10,000,000)	21,590,507.81	21,579,055.92	11,451.89
May 2, 1919	1,786,000)			
Total --	$27,915,000	21,590,507.81	21,579,055.92	11,451.89

This account is approved for $11,451.89 to be charged to the "Special Fund - Charges on silver-dollar bullion sold" and credited to Miscellaneous Receipts - "Receipts for abrasion on silver dollars melted for use as bullion".

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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June 3, 1919.

Messrs. Zimmermann & Forshay,
170 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of June 2nd I beg to say that if a deposit of bullion containing both gold and silver is offered at the New York Assay Office the gold equivalent is returned at the option of the depositor in the form of fine bars, and the silver content is paid for in fine bars at the option of the Superintendent.

The available supply of fine silver at the New York Assay Office at present is so limited as to make it impracticable for the superintendent to make payment for silver deposits by the immediate return of fine bars.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 4, 1919.

Miss Elizabeth Woods,
Cambridge, Iowa.

Madam:-

Replying to your letter of the 27th ult. I am enclosing herewith check forwarded by you, together with the specimen.

The material forwarded for test does not indicate, upon visual examination, that any commercial value attaches and the cost of making an assay would not be justified.

Regretting that we cannot make a more favorable report, I am

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encls.
O-L

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June 4, 1919.

Phya Prabha Karavongse,
Envoy Extraordinary and
Minister Plenipotentiary,
Siamese Legation,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to your recent inquiry relative to the one stang pieces on hand in the Mint at Philadelphia, I beg to state that the Superintendent advises me he has packed and ready for shipment 3,175,000 of these pieces.

I am enclosing herewith a statement of the amount of charges due on the coins in case you desire to have a partial shipment made.

The Superintendent requests that shipping instructions and keg markings be obtained from you for him. Kindly advise me of your wishes.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 5, 1919.

Mrs. Lulu Jefts,
996 Valencia St.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Madam:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 30th relative to patents issued to your father. Your letter has been referred to the Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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June 5, 1919.

Dr. C. T. Boyd,
312 Wheeling Bank & Trust Bldg.,
Wheeling, W. Va.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of recent date, together with package containing gold scrap. They have been forwarded to the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York, who will remit to you the value of the deposit after deducting charges for determing the same by melt and assay.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

June 7, 1919.

Bureau of Chemistry,
Dept. of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

Herewith find bill of the Philadelphia Mint in the sum of $15.47, for cost of silver rod made in accordance with copy of your enclosed order.

Please cause transfer settlement to be made crediting the amount of the bill to the following appropriations.

Wages of workmen, Mint at Philadelphia 1919 -------	$6.00
Contingent expense, Mint at Philadelphia 1919 ----	9.47
Total ----------	$15.47

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encls.
F-L

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June 7, 1919.

Clendenin Bros.,
Clendenin Bldg.,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:-

This Bureau will receive bids until two dclock, Tuesday, June 10th, upon the cost of delivering to the United States Mint Building Denver, 40 tons of electrolytic copper ingots for minor coinage, and you are requested to make proposal.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 6, 1919.

Mr. Frank Dick,
Quincy, Illinois.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 4th relative to the alloy used in the manufacture of the one cent pieces. Your letter has been read with much interest and will be referred to in case legislation is taken up covering this question.

As you are doubtless aware an Act of Congress would be required to change the alloy in any of our coins.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

June 9, 1919.

American Railway Exp. Co.,
119 West 19th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Herewith I am returning your bill No. B/3/149 in amount $77.65, with request that the last item be eliminated therefrom and that a new bill be rendered covering the last item which is payable from a different source.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L
Encl.

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June 9, 1919.

The Waterbury Trust Co.,
Waterbury, Conn.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to advise you that the coin forwarded with your letter of the 5th inst., to the Comptroller of the Currency, has been received and sent to the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

As the coin is mutilated it has only bullion value. A check will be sent you for the value of the silver after the pieces have been melted.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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June 9, 1919.

Dr. J. D. Hemingway,
Waverly, Iowa.

Sir:-

I am returning herewith the package forwarded by you under recent date and beg to advise that the governmental demand for platinum ceased shortly after the signing of the armistice.

Thanking you for your interest, I am

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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June 9, 1919.

Phya Prabha Karavongse,
Envoy Extraordinary &
Minister Plenipotentiary,
Siamese Legation,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I beg to confirm telephone communication of this date stating that upon payment of charges incurred for the coin and the shipping containers, amounting to $10,458.45, the Superintendent will deliver immediately the 3,175,000 one Stang pieces to the American Railway Express Co. in accordance with your instructions.

The kegs containing the coin have been marked as directed by you - "The Minister of Finance, Bangkok, Siam".

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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June 9, 1919.

Dr. Carlos Adolfo Urueta,
Envoy Extraordinary &
Minister Plenipotentiary,
Colombian Legation,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 4th, instructing this Bureau in regard to the manner in which you wish to have the fineness of the gold coins expressed on the dies now being prepared for your Government in the Mint at Philadelphia.

The Superintendent reports that only a few days will be required to make alteration in the dies and that the cost of this alteration will be $100.00.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O.L.

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

June 10, 1919.

Dear Senator Thomas:

By direction of the Director of the Mint, I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter relative to the Act of April 25, 1918, which authorized the melting of silver dollars.

Mr. Baker is now on his way to the Mint at Denver, and he has instructed me to say that Hon. Albert Strauss, Federal Reserve Board, is familiar with the history of the bill; that he will be able to give you the information you desire if you see fit to take the matter up with him.

Respectfully,

W. W. Heaton

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. Charles S. Thomas,
United States Senate.

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Director of the Mint, Washington, D.C.

"Contingent expense, Mint at Denver 1919".

Clendenin Bros., June 10 . 9.

Clendenin Bldg., Baltimore, Md.

Building, Denver, Colorado.

40 tons electrolytic copper 80,000 lb. 17.55

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 10, 1919.

United Metals Selling Co.,
42 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to acknowledge with thanks your offer to supply copper for the Mint at Denver.

A lower bid having been received, your offer is respectfully declined.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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June 10, 1919.

Clendenin Bros.,
Clendenin Bldg.,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to confirm telephone communication advising you that your offer to supply the Mint at Denver with 40 tons of electrolytic ingot copper at 17.55 per pound, delivered to the Mint Building, had been accepted.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

June 10, 1919.

Auditor for the
Treasury Department,
Graham Building,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to my letter of recent date forwarding contract entered into by the Salt Lake City Assay Office with the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company for monthly telephone service, will you please oblige this office by returning the original contract for temporary use. It will be returned to your office immediately.

Respectfully,

W. H. Stead

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

June 10, 1919.

Hon. J. M. Robsion,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Robsion:-

Your letter of June 6th addressed to the Department has been referred to this office for attention. Replying, I beg to advise you that the piece described by Mr. Coffey is probably what is commonly known as a token piece, many types of which were issued during the period of the Civil War. The piece is not a coin.

I am returning herewith the letter of Mr. Coffey.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

June 11, 1919.

Mr. Benj. Wolf,
Empire Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of June 10th, relative to Charles T. Franklin, I beg to advise you that Mr. Baker is now on his way to the coast and will not return until about August 1st.

I am unable to advise you as to Mr. Franklin's standing with Mr. Baker.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Q-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

June 11, 1919.

Miss Ella R. Faherty,
62 Hampshire St. W.,
Piedmont, Mineral Co.,
West Virginia.

Madam:-

Replying to your letter of June 10th, I beg to advise you that there is no institution in Washington, under the government, where deposits of old gold and silver are received.

The institutions of the Mint Service do not receive gold and silver in the form of ore. They are received and treated only when in the form of bullion.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L.

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

June 11, 1919.

Mr. Judson W. Brust,
510-5th Avenue,
Cedar Rapids,
Iowa.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 6th relative to one cent pieces and thank you for your interest in the matter.

I am forwarding under separate cover a copy of a report of the Director of the Mint, which gives you some information as to Mints and moneys.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

June 11, 1919.

Mr. M. D. Tracy,
51 Hendrie Avenue,
Detroit, Michigan.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of June 4th you are advised that this office has no knowledge of a Lusitania Medal issued in the United States.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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Director of the Mint, Washington, D.C.

"Contingent Expense, Office of the Director of the Mint 1919".

June 11th 9.

...ckall Bros.,

827 H St., N. W., Washington, D.C.

...r of the Mint, Treasury Dept., Washington, D.C.

Acid, sulphuric; c.p., sp. gr., 1.84 --					
Baker & Adamson's -- 2-9 lb. bottles	18	lb.	.17	3	06

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M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 11, 1919.

Mr. George W. Ashmont,
Acting Chief,
Division of Customs,
Treasury Department.

Sir:-

Replying to your inquiry of the 9th inst. concerning value of the Canton subcoin dollar during the quarter beginning April 1, 1918, I have to advise that this office has no actual knowledge of such a coin.

It is probable, however, that the term "subcoin" refer s to the subsidiary silver coins known as "small coins", "small money", etc. These subsidiary coins usually circulate at a discount as compared with the principal coins.

Your attention is invited to page 233 of the 1917 report of the Director of the Mint, where is quoted a report by the United States Consul General concerning the actual currency of Canton. Further information concerning the relation of subsidiary coins to the principal coins may be found in the 1918 report of the Director of the Mint, beginning on page 220.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

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June 11, 1919.

Third Assistant
Postmaster General,
Post Office Dept.,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Herewith find bill of the Philadelphia Mint in the sum of $780.70 for manufacture of embossing dies as per your order of March 11, 1919, copy attached, also receipts for the articles delivered.

Please cause settlement to be made, the amount of the bill to be credited to the following appropriations:-

Wages of workmen, Mint at Philadelphia 1919 ----------	$697.39
Contingent expense, Mint at Philadelphia 1919 ----------	83.31
	$780.70

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

C-L.

Encl.

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June 11, 1919.

The Fair,
Warsaw,
Indiana.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of June 9th, I beg to advise you that the United States Mint at Denver will received the gold and silver described by you. Gold is paid for at the rate of $20.67 an ounce and silver at $1.00 an ounce. I might say, however, that after July 1st the mint will pay the market price of silver, which is now in advance of $1.00.

We are not in the market for platinum and cannot receive that metal.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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June 11, 1919.

Zimmermann & Forshay,
170 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

Your letter of June 5th enclosing two statements of deposits for which you were paid for the silver content by check, was referred to the Assay Office at New York and the Superintendent of that institution has advised the Bureau that when the deposits indicated on the memoranda, in which silver predominated, were made you indicated upon the deposit slip that payment should be made by check. The Superintendent states that at the expiration of six days your representative called, received the check and signed the assay office receipt book at the cashier's window and thus completed the transaction so far as the Assay Office was concerned. The Superintendent further states that you at no time in this transaction, up to this point, indicated that you desired payment in bars.

It appears to this office that the Superintendent of the New York Assay Office was justified in refusing to re-open the transaction under the circumstances.

The Superintendent further states that in this case there had never been any question on his part that you would be entitled to receive fine bars in case you had asked for them at the time of making the deposit or prior to the completion of the transaction.

I am returning herewith the memoranda enclosed in your letter of the 5th inst., as you requested.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encls.
O-L

June 11, 1919.

W. R. Grace & Co.,
P. O. Box 286,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to confirm the following estimate given to you by the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia covering the manufacture of certain discs for coinage for a foreign government:-

Composition 25% nickel, 75% copper.

110 million blanks for 20 centavo pieces, diameter 22½ millimeters, tolerance 2%, weight 4½ grams, tolerance 4 gr. per thousand, will cost $3.00 per 1000 pieces.

50 million blanks for ten centavo pieces, diameter 19½ millimeters, tolerance 2%, weight 3 grams, tolerance 5 gr. per thousand, will cost $2.25 per thousand pieces.

60 million blanks for five centavo pieces, diameter 16½ millimeters, tolerance 2%, weight 2 grams, tolerance 5 gr. per thousand, will cost $1.75 per thousand pieces.

Metal to be furnished by W. R. Grace & Co.

The quantity of metal necessary for the execution of the order will be as follows:

1,264,872.8572 lbs. of Electrolytic Copper (99.90) contents, and 421,624.2858 lbs. nickel (99.00) Nickel Cobalt contents.

The cost of kegs or boxes will be as follows:

11,834 kegs will be required, packed as follows:

20 centavos	15,000 pieces per keg	
10 "	20,000 " " "	
5 "	30,000 " " "	

Price of keg $1.75 each.

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If boxes are used the same number would be required, packed in similar amounts. The price of boxes would be 95¢ each.

The contemplated time for starting the manufacture of these blanks is September 1st, the approximate amount to be delivered monthly 10 million pieces to start with.

The final delivery of the order is estimated as about June 1st.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

J-L

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June 12, 1919.

Chief, Bureau
of Insular Affairs,
War Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Responding to your request of June 9th, the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has today been instructed to proceed with the manufacture of an additional tumbling barrel to be added to the invoice of machinery now being prepared for shipment to the Mint at Manila.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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June 13, 1919.

Hon. Ed. S. Johnson,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Johnson:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 12th enclosing communications from the Business Club of Deadwood, S.D., to which is attached a petition signed by residents of the Blank Hills mining district in South Dakota, urging that the standard value of gold per ounce be put at $30.00.

Replying, I beg to submit a copy of the report made by the Committee appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury to investigate conditions in the gold mining industry.

In accordance with your request I am returning herewith the enclosures.

Respectfully,

M. W. Reed

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encls.

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June 13, 1919.

Ordnance Bureau of
the War Department,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:-

Under date of May 6th this office forwarded to you bill of the New York Assay Office in the sum of $11,815.42, covering charges on platinum work performed for the War Department.

Upon inquiry it is learned that this bill passed through regular channels and was referred to the Auditor for the War Department for transfer settlement under date of May 17, 1919, but that it cannot be found in the office of the Auditor for the War Department and has not as yet been settled.

In view of the urgent need of this money to meet payrolls of the New York Assay Office during the current month, and the considerable delay that would be involved in obtaining a complete duplicate copy of the bill in question, I have to request that a certified copy of your endorsement forwarding said bill to the Auditor for the War Department or such other evidence as will indicate the correctness of the bill and of its having received proper administrative examination, be attached to the accompanying carbon copy of letter of this office forwarding the voucher, with request that the Auditor for the War Department make settlement on the evidence thus presented.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

June 16, 1919.

Rev. E. J. Maupin,
Orland, Indiana.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 12th inst. enclosing a gold nugget. They have been forwarded to the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York and that officer will remit to you the value of the gold by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

The Assay Office is not required to receive deposits which do not approximate in value $100.00, but the Superintendent will, in this case, be requested to accept this deposit.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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June 16, 1919.

P.L.Nicolson & Co. Inc.,
31 Pine Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of the 14th inst., I beg to advise you that the agent for the Rennerfelt Furnace is the firm of Hamilton & Hansell Company, New York City.

I am sure that by addressing that company the information you desire relative to the furnace can be readily obtained.

Respectfully,

M M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

June 17, 1919.

Mr. W. S. Worden,
12 Cady Street,
Providence, R.I.

Sir:-

I am returning herewith the package forwarded by you containing platinum, gold and silver and regret that we cannot receive it. The government is not now purchasing platinum and we can make no allowance to you for this precious metal.

I would suggest that you forward it to either of the following named firms:-

Bishop & Co., Malvern, Pa.
Baker & Co. Inc., 30 Church St. N.Y.C.
S.S.White Dental Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully,

[signature]

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

June 17, 1919.

The Methodist Book Concern,
420 Plum Street,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Gentlemen:-

The check enclosed in your letter of June 9th is respectfully returned.

Yours truly,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Registered.
O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

June 17, 1919.

Dear Dr. Kunz:

Your letter of the 16th of June, addressed to Mr. Baker relative to a memorial coin, has been received. The Director is on his way to San Francisco, and will not be in Washington until some time late in July.

In anticipation of his return, I am enclosing a list of the special coins authorized, the date of the act of Congress authorizing them, the weight, fineness and number of pieces issued.

I am sure the Director will cooperate with you in every way in the event that Congress grants authority to issue a memorial coin.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Dr. George F. Kunz,
405 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

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June 18, 1919.

J.E.Deckendorff & Co., Inc.
20 Broad Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Your letter of June 14th addressed to "Mr. Ray Baker" has been received. Mr. Baker is out of the city and will not return until late in July when your letter in regard to Mr. Tait will be called to his attention.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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June 18, 1919.

U.S.Railroad Administration,
Central Railroad of New Jersey,
Accounting Dept., Pier 10, N.R.,
New York, N. Y.

Pro 2/9835/17

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of June 18th, I am enclosing herewith a certificate of shipment to cover lost Bill of Lading, No. T-87153. If you will kindly have this certificate accomplished and forwarded to this Bureau you will expedite the payment of this account as much as possible. The duplicate Bill of Lading is now in this office.

Please observe instructions on the back of the form herewith.

Respectfully,

W. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

Encl.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

NIGHT MESSAGE

Washington,

June 19, 1919.

Hon. Ray T. Baker,
742 Plumas Street,
Reno, Nevada.

Leffingwell cooperating as requested. All well here. Writing.

O'Reilly

JR.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1919.

BUSINESS.
NMENT RATES.
ARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR _____
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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June 19, 1919.

Auditor for the
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith, duly approved, contract entered into by the Philadelphia Mint with the Philadelphia Electric Company for furnishing electric current to operate the new Rennerfelt furnaces.

Please acknowledge receipt and oblige,

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

June 19, 1919.

Auditor for the
Treasury Department,
Graham Building,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith, duly approved, contract entered into by the United States Assay Office at Seattle with the Puget Sound Traction Light & Power Company to furnish the Assay Office with electric light and power for the fiscal year 1920.

Please acknowledge receipt and oblige,

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

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June 19, 1919.

Commissioner of
Internal Revenue,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

This office is in receipt of an inquiry from the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City relative to the necessity for giving a bond upon purchasing alcohol for use in the laboratory of the Assay Office at Salt Lake City. The Assayer states that the local office of the United States Internal Revenue informs him that local chemists and druggists are required to make application to the Collector at Helena, Montana, for a permit and then file a bond with the Collector for double the value of alcohol to be purchased. He further states that the branch office of the Collector is in a quandary about the proposition of the government furnishing a bond to itself as the situation presents intself in his case. It is probable that two gallons of alcohol would last throughout the year.

Will you please advise this Bureau at your earliest convenience in order that I may be in a position to instruct the Assayer in Charge of the Salt Lake City Assay Office in regard to the procedure to be followed in purchasing alcohol for that office, which is a field office of the Treasury Department under this Bureau.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

June 20, 1919.

National City Bank,
Foreign Exchange Dept.,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Herewith I am enclosing copy of our circular "Value of Foreign Coins" dated April 1, 1919, with our usual request for revision of the remarks column to bring it down to date.

The final proof of new circular to be dated July 1st must be in the hands of the printer by the 30th instant.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I am

Respectfully,

M. McRellis

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
F-L

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June 21, 1919.

Chancellor in Charge,
Salvador Consulate,
42 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 20th, requesting the manufacture of one million one-centavo nickel pieces and two million five-centavo nickel pieces for your government.

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia will be instructed to proceed with the manufacture of these coins at the very earliest moment, but it will be impossible for him to have them ready by August 1st.

We are now operating the Mint at Philadelphia on a 24 hour a day basis in an effort to overtake the demand for our domestic coinage and it would not be possible for us to promise the coinage for your government until sometime after September 1st.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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Director of the Mint, Wash. D.C.

"Contingent expense, Assay Office at Deadwood 1919".

Underwood Typewriter Co. Inc., June 21 9.

1413 New York Avenue, Washington, D.C.

Assayer in Charge, U.S.Assay Office, Deadwood, S. D.

Underwood typewriter No. 3/12	1	$73.50	73	50
1 No. 3/12 Underwood typewriter, Serial				
No. 42131 to be turned in. Less			20	00
			53	50

W. Mackesy

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

June 23, 1919.

The Auditor for the
Treasury Department,
Graham Building,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Enclosed herewith find original contract, duly approved, entered into by the United States Assay Office at New York with the National District Telegraph Company for Night Watch and Fire Alarm Boxes, for file.

Kindly acknowledge receipt, and oblige

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

June 23, 1919.

Mrs. Fred. M. Burton,
2323 Avenue I,
Galveston, Texas.

Madam:-

Replying to your card of June 18th, I regret to advise you that the governmental demand for platinum ceased shortly after the signing of the armistice.

Thanking you for your interest in the matter, I am

Respectfully,

M. McRoelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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June 23, 1919.

Sgt. Ed. J. Herrman,
U. S. Marine Corps,
512½ Hampshire St.,
Quincy, Illinois.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of June 21st, I beg to advise that it will be necessary for you to address the Navy Department in regard to securing a good conduct medal, as a duplicate of one you have lost.

Respectfully,

W. D. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

June 25, 1919.

Southern Pacific Railroad,
Accounting Department,
San Francisco, Calif.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of the 16th inst., relative to our account dated Sept. 18, 1919, bill #61144, amounting to $121., I beg to advise that that amount was included in settlement of the Auditor for the Treasury Department, settlement No. 74601, dated May 16, 1919.

Respectfully,

R. W. Woolley

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

June 25, 1919.

Hon. Ray T. Baker,
107 Mountain Avenue,
Piedmont, California.

Burns' nomination confirmed yesterday. Settlements Philadelphia, New York so far indicate very favorable outcome. All well.

O'Reilly

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Dr. Mint Bureau 1919.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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June 26, 1919.

Cerro de Pasco Copper Corp.,
15 Broad Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

I have your letter of June 25th relative to the Peruvian discs to be prepared at the Mint at Denver in accordance with our promise to Mr. Babbitt. Since Mr. Babbitt's visit here, I have been advised by the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia that he had no unfilled order on hand, which agrees with your statement that the $140,000 for which license had been granted had already been shipped.

The 25,000 discs on hand at the Mint in Philadelphia were made in excess of the last authorized order. If you desire this number in addition to the 200,000 to be manufactured under the license recently granted, will you kindly have the Peruvian Minister make the necessary request for the delivery of this number of discs in addition to the 200,000 to be manufactured at the Denver Mint.

I note your wishes to have the discs to be manufactured at Denver forwarded to New York for shipment.

The Philadelphia Mint is preparing the necessary tools for the Mint at Denver so that no time will be lost.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

June 26, 1919.

Banca Commerciale Italiana,
165 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Your letter of June 24th addressed to the "Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia", has by him been forwarded to this Bureau. Replying, I beg to submit the following details relative to the cost of manufacturing the discs desired:-

Cost of manufacture $10 per 1,000 pieces.
Cost of kegs about $1.60 each, 12 required.
Value of the metal in 160,000 pieces $776,627.04.

Before the Mint could undertake the preparation of these discs it would be necessary for you to have the request for their manufacture come to this Department through the State Department from the Ambassador of Peru, at this capital.

The Mint at Philadelphia cannot undertake the manufacture of these discs until late in September. If your formal authority is granted for the manufacture of the discs we could have them prepared for you at the Mint at Denver; the cost of transporting them from Denver to New York or New Orleans would have to be paid for by you. If you are in a position to postpone the manufacture of the discs until the latter part of September they can be prepared at Philadelphia at that time.

I am unable to advise you as to the rates of express which would be imposed on the transportation of the discs from Philadelphia to New York.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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June 26, 1919.

Union Exchange Co.,
1354 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

In accordance with the request contained in your letter of June 24th, I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a copy of the circular entitled "Value of Foreign Coins", which is issued quarterly. Your name has been placed on our regular mailing list.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

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June 26, 1919.

Mr. A. J. Dussault,
Room 880, 50 Church St.,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of June 23rd, I beg to advise you that the one cent pieces bearing the head of Lincoln with the initials of the designer, Mr. Victor D. Brenner, are of no value above their face value. These coins have not been recalled. There are about 23,000,000 of them in circulation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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June 26, 1919.

Mr. R. E. Hill,
Franklyn Hobbs & Co.,
Corn Exchange Bank Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:-

In compliance with your request of the 24th inst., I take pleasure in enclosing herewith the reports on coinage manufactured in the United States during the months of March, April and May of this year. No charge is imposed for these statements.

Respectfully,

W. McRobbs

Acting Director of the Mint.

C-L
Encls.

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June 26, 1919.

Mr. C. W. Hare, Director of Sales,
Purchase, Storage and Traffic Division,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of June 4th, addressed to the Department for the attention of our Chief Clerk, I beg to state that if you will forward copies of the loose-leaf catalogue, distribution of which will begin on June 30th, to the Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia and the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York, those offices will be glad to examine the list with a view to purchasing any material which they can use.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

June 26, 1919.

Irving National Bank,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Responding to your request of June 24th, I take pleasure in enclosing herewith copies of the circular entitled "Values of Foreign Coins".

Your inquiry in regard to the redemption of Philippine bank notes has been forwarded to the Treasurer of the United States for reply.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

June 26, 1919.

Mr. D. C. Babbitt,
Cerro de Pasco Copper Corp.,
15 Broad Street,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Babbitt:-

A reply has been sent to the Cerro de Pasco Copper Corporation covering their letter of June 25th, which was received previous to your letter stating that you had already asked the Peruvian Ambassador to petition the State Department in regard to the shipment of 25,000 discs now at the Philadelphia Mint.

The Department has received a letter addressed by the Ambassador to the State Department relative to the 200,000 pieces to be manufactured at Denver and the request has been formally approved by this Department.

The Superintendent of the Mint at Denver is today being instructed to make the necessary preparations for the manufacture of the discs. The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has been instructed to forward a sample disc together with minute detailed instructions to the Mint at Denver in regard to the manufacture of these blanks. As soon as we hear from Denver, I will advise you when you may expect to have the discs forwarded from that institution to New York.

I suppose it is understood by you that it will be necessary to have an agent named by you to receive the discs at the Mint in Denver and make payment to the Superintendent of that institution for the same.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O.L

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June 26, 1919.

Boulter Mfg. Company,
254 N 23rd Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:-

Referring to my letter of May 7th asking you to bid on muffles, I beg to call your attention to the fact that the specifications stated that the slot in the back of the muffle should be 1½" above the bottom, but in the muffles that you have supplied it is 2".

We cannot use the muffles in their present shape. We will undertake to carefully cut this slot down, with the understanding that this work will be done at your risk, otherwise we will be obliged to return the muffles to you to be replaced in accordance with the specifications.

Please let us hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

E.O.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

E WRITTEN:

Washington,
June 27, 1919.

National City Bank,
Foreign Exchange Department,
New York, N. Y.

Referring to letter this Bureau June twentieth may I ask if we can expect information relative to revision of remarks in value of foreign coins statement.

O'Reilly

Acting Director Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

June 27, 1919.

Hon. Ray T. Baker,
107 Mountain Avenue,
Piedmont, California.

Laying corner stone New York Assay Office noon July first. Superintendent requests telegram from you to him to be received in time to be placed in box. Have requested Secretary to President to obtain message from him for same purpose. Mr. Glass or Mr. Leffingwell probably preside. Mr. Bovie has written you.

O'Reilly

Cont. Dr. Mint Bureau 1919.

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June 27, 1919.

W.C.Ralston & Co.,
Reno, Nevada.

Sirs:-

Replying to your letter of June 26th, I beg to advise you that approximately two hundred million ounces of silver have been melted to date under the Pittman Act.

A copy of the report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1918 is being forwarded you under separate cover as per your request.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 26, 1919.

Herzfeld-Phillipson Co.,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of June 24th, I beg to advise that the United States Assay Office at New York will receive deposits of old silver in quantities approximating in value $100.00 and over, making payment for the same by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Nominal charges are deducted from the value of the deposit for determining the same by melt and assay.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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June 30, 1919.

Central Railroad of New Jersey,
Mr. H. W. Maynard Jr., Agent,
Pier 10, N.R.,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:- Pro 2/9835/17

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 26th enclosing a certificate of shipment signed by the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia and the Superintendent of the New York Assay Office covering the forwarding of a hydraulic press weighing 9575 pounds. It is apparent that the shipment was made on Feb. 7, 1917 on Bill of Lading T87155 issued by the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad.

Herewith I am returning the certificate of shipment and very much regret to be obliged to bother you further in the matter of this long delayed account. I have marked in red pencil on the margins of the instruction requirements, which calls for evidence from you that the Bill of Lading is not in possession and cannot be traced and a statement that if subsequently found it will be surrandered. Will you kindly forward to this Bureau such a statement and I hope this will complete the formalities we are obliged to ask and we will be able to pay the account. Of course, you understand it will be necessary for you to forward a voucher also.

Respectfully,

W. M. Rossiter

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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July 1, 1919.

Mr. J. Atkin,
6 Mix Avenue,
Towanda, Pa.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of June 20th, I beg to advise you that the United States Assay Office at New York will receive deposits of gold and silver in quantities approximating in value $100. and over and pay for the same by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Nominal charges are deducted from the value of the deposit to determine the same by melt and assay.

Platinum is not received by the United States Mints or Assay offices.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

July 1, 1919.

Mr. M.D.Hawkins, c/o
Mint Denver,
Colorado.

Telegram received have wired Director. stop.

Release assistants when report signed. stop. Forward you Denver today transportation orders to visit assay offices.

O'Reilly

Acting Director

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HERE WRITTEN;

Washington,
July 1, 1919.

Hon. Ray T. Baker,
107 Mountain Avenue,
Piedmont, California.

In preparing authority for Hawkins to visit Assay offices is New Orleans to be included. Assistant Secretary reconsidering removal bar charge. Demand for minor slightly diminished. Philadelphia still overdrawn. Hawkins reports still receiving refinery metal. Expects to wire final figures July third.

O'Reilly

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1920.

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DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 8128.

July 1, 1918.

Mr. John J. Nevin, Comptroller,
Division of Operations,
U.S.E.F. Emergency Fleet Corp.,
Hoge Building, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In the absence of the Director of the Mint, I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 20th, relative to Mr. Alfred Hoffman, who has applied for a position in your Accounting Department.

Your letter has been forwarded to Mr. Baker, who is now in San Francisco.

Respectfully,

Secretary.

Enl.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

July 2, 1919.

2—4247

The Equitable Trust Company,
New York, N. Y.

Replying your telegram addressed to Treasurer we have no gold bars or coin at Portland or Seattle. stop. Gold coin at Sub-Treasury and bars at Mint San Francisco.

O'Reilly

Acting Director Mint.

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Departmental Stock Form 2129.

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July 2, 1919.

Mr. Jos. H. Colyer, Jr.,
c/o Sons of the Revolution,
Fraunces Tavern,
Cor. Broad & Pearl Sts.,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 23rd, relative to securing a set of Army and Navy medals for the collection of the Sons of the Revolution.

The Director of the Mint is absent in the west and upon his return I will take pleasure in calling your letter to his attention.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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July 2, 1919.

Mrs. Lulu Jefts,
790-7th Avenue,
San Francisco,
California.

Madam:-

I beg to return herewith the note enclosed in your letter of June 24th and suggest that you apply to a local National Bank for information in regard to it.

Your letter in regard to the patents has been forwarded to the Patent Office for reply.

Respectfully,

W. MacRueley

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

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July 3, 1919.

Mr. Waldo Frank,
137 East 30th St.,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a copy of the "History of the Motto 'In God We Trust'", which covers the information requested in your letter of the 30th ultimo.

Respectfully,

M. McReelby

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

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July 7, 1919.

Mr. Chas. R. Purdy,
843 Front Avenue,
Buffalo, N. Y.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 4th inst., I beg to advise you that the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York will received deposits of old gold in quantities approximating in value $100.00 and over, and make payment for same by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Nominal charges are deducted from the value of the deposits for determining the same by melt and assay.

Packages should be sent by registered mail or express prepaid.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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July 7, 1919.

The Bankers Publishing Co.,
253 Broadway, New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed herewith is public voucher, form 959, for renewal subscription of the

BANKERS MAGAZINE

for one year from July 1, 1919, which you are requested, as payee, to sign in accordance with foot note; return the voucher to this office and check will be forwarded to you upon receipt of same.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

The letter on the preceding page was also sent to the following firms for the publications indicated:-

The Annalist,
Times Bldg., Times Square,
New York, N. Y. — THE ANNALIST

Publishers of the Times,
New York, N. Y. — TIMES (DAILY not SUNDAY)

Edward Thompson Co.,
Northport, Long Island,
New York, N.Y. — FEDERAL STATUTES, ANNOTATED, SUPPLEMENT.

McGraw Hill Co. Inc.,
10th Ave. & 36th St.
New York, N.Y. — ENGINEERING AND MINING JOURNAL

The Statist,
51 Cannon St., E.C.4,
London, England. — THE STATIST

The Economist,
Granville House,
Arundale St., Strand,
London, W.C. 2. — THE ECONOMIST

Waterlaw & Sons Ltd.,
London Wall,
London, England. — BANKERS MAGAZINE

Journal of Commerce & Com'l. Bulletin,
32 Brodaway, New York, N.Y. — JOURNAL OF COMMERCE AND COMMERCIAL BULLETIN

Commercial & Financial Chronicle,
Front, Pine & Depeyster Streets,
New York, N.Y. — COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL CHRONICLE

The Mining Journal
15 George St.
Mansion House
London, E.C.4.

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July 7, 1919.

Mr. M. C. Wallace,
3121 Harriet Ave.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Sir:-

In reply to your inquiry of June 25th, regarding the issue of certain coins, I beg to submit the following:-

Quarter dollars - issue of 1917.
New design - (no stars) $3,050,500.
Modified design - (5 stars) $6,414,100.

Dime issue of 1916
Old design - $2,431,000
New design - 3,289,400

5¢ Nickel issue of 1913
New design - $1,921,776.
Modified design - $1,761,185.95

As requested your name will be entered on list for copy of report of the Director of the Mint for 1919 and will be mailed you when issued.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

July 8, 1919.

The Mechanics & Metals
National Bank,
20 Nassau St.,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

Your letter of July 3rd was erroneously delivered to the Bureau of Mines and has this day been received at this office. Replying to your inquiry as to the possibility of having Peruvian discs manufactured, I beg to advise you that the business of the Mint at Philadelphia is so heavy at the present time that we will be unable to undertake the manufacture of the discs at that institution.

We can, however, cause the discs to be prepared for you at the United States Mint in Denver. The gold would be provided by that institution. The charges for manufacturing the discs would be $10.00 per thousand pieces. The cost of kegs or boxes for packing would be extra. Payment would have to be made at the Denver Mint upon delivery of the discs at that institution.

As you are probably aware it will be necessary that this order should come to us through the State Department from the Ambassador of Peru at this capital.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

July 9, 1919.

Hon. Ray T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,
On board Twentieth Century Limited,
Elkhart, Indiana.

Wire received. Everything at Bureau in good condition. Do not feel anxious about us. Will telephone you tomorrow afternoon at Lenox.

O'Reilly

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1920.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

E WRITTEN.

Washington,
July 9, 1919.

Hon. Ray T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,
On board Twentieth Century Limited,
Toledo, Ohio.

Wired you x to Elkhart. Sending this to be sure to overtake you with assurances from Bureau. Everything is alright.

O'Reilly

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1919.

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HARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
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DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2122.

July 9, 1919.

Auditor for the
Treasury Department,
Graham Building,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Herewith find affidavit relating to representatives of deceased employee (Peter A. Mayers), with supporting receipted bill of undertaker, which should be filed with payroll of the New York Assay Office (account of Verne M. Bovie) for the first half of October 1918.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L
Encl.

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July 9, 1919.

Pacific Gas & Electric Co.,
445 Sutter Street,
San Francisco, Calif.

Gentlemen:- Att. Mr. G. H. Rand.

Your letter of June 16th concerning claim for sur-charges on gas furnished to the San Francisco Mint during the fiscal year 1918-19, was duly received.

Please note that the proviso for possible change in rates contained in your proposal was not accepted by the Government, as is evidenced by the fact that such proviso is not contained in the contract itself.

I have again to advise you of my inability to give any relief in this matter.

Respectfully,

W. N. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

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July 9, 1919.

Federal Auditor,
Spokane, Portland & Seattle R.R.,
11th & Hoyt Streets,
Portland, Oregon.

Sir:-

With reference to your inquiry of June 26th, File No. TW-231, I beg to advise that your bill No. 76353 in the sum of $11.20 is in line for early settlement and you will be advised in due time by the Auditor for the Treasury Department concerning this settlement.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

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July 9, 1919.

Mr. B. M. Gramling,
Gramling, S. C.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 7th inst., I beg to advise you that the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York will receive deposits of gold in quantities approximating in value $100.00 and over, making payment for the same by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Nominal charges are deducted from the value of the deposit for determining the same by melt and assay.

Gold is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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July 9, 1919.

Auditor for the Treasury Dept.,
Graham Building,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Herewith I am forwarding for settlement seven bills for transportation and Pullman charges, as follows:-

Penna. R.R.Co.	#518/178		$351.75
Southern Pacific Co.	#P23,824		32.42
Grand Canyon Ry. Co.	#GC162		3.68
Spokane, P. & S. Ry.	#76353		11.20
Pullman Co.	#ED60573	($65.00)	29.50
do	#ED64521	($130.70)	119.70
do	#ED70470		38.95

These bills cover, among other items, expenses of Messrs. Meredith and Sklarz from Philadelphia and New York, respectively, to San Francisco and return. These gentlemen were entitled to first class transportation, also lower berth accomodations, at a cost not to exceed that by the most direct route. If you will advise me as to the additional amount payable by the United States by reason of using transportation requests for other than direct routes I will call upon the travelers to make refund of said amounts and deposit same in the Treasury in order that the bills of the transportation companies may be settled without further deductions.

Please note that the additional fare charged Mr. Sklarz by the S.P.&S.Co. has been refunded, C/D #11756 dated July 9, 1919, the amount having been deposited in the Treasury, without personal credit, to the credit of the appropriation Contingent Expenses, Office of the Director of the Mint 1919.

Respectfully,

M. M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F.L

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

July 10, 1919.

The Bank of Taiwan, Limited,
165 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Telegram eight letter ninth received.

Assistant Treasurer San Francisco being instructed accordingly today.

O'Reilly

Acting Director Mint.

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July 10, 1919.

Division of Public Moneys,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:-

Herewith I am forwarding for your approval duplicate check, No. 20715 dated June 17, 1919, drawn by the Superintendent of the United States Mint at San Francisco, with supporting indemnity bond.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
B-L

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July 10, 1919.

Auditor for the
Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Will you kindly advise me as to the proper freight rate in effect in December 1918 on small nickel and bronze discs (for use in manufacturing nickels and pennies) between Waterbury, Conn., and Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

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July 10, 1919.

American Railway Express Co.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

Herewith I am returning your bill Number W4-2130 in amount 97¢, for transportation of a package from the Middletown Ordnance Department, Middletown, Ohio, to Washington, D.C., in December 1918.

This bill cannot be considered until it is supported by one of the following:- First, accomplished government bill of lading; second, if government bill of lading was not used statement to that effect supported by commercial bill or lading; third, if bill of lading has been lost the usual certificate of shipment in lieu thereof.

The data above mentioned is required to support all bills against the government and you are requested to furnish same when forwarding all future bills.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 10, 1919.

Director of the
Bureau of Standards,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 1st enclosing certificate giving the corrections for the weights submitted for test for the Seattle Assay Office.

Your instructions relative to these weights and a copy of your letter as to the condition of the weights has been forwarded to the Assayer in Charge at Seattle, with instructions to act accordingly.

Please accept the appreciation of this Bureau for your courtesy in this matter.

Will you please cause the box to be forwarded directly to the Assayer in Charge, United States Assay Office Seattle on government Bill of Lading vouchered to that office.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 10, 1919.

Hon. Louis C. Cramton,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Cramton:-

Your letter of July 8th addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has by him been referred to this Bureau for attention. Replying I have the honor to submit the following in response to the inquiries made by Mr. J. Aldrich Holmes of Caseville, Michigan:-

1. Standard silver dollars are legal tender at their nominal or face value in payment of all debts, public and private, without regard to the amount, except where otherwise expressly stipulated in the contract. Being standard money standard silver dollars are not redeemable.

2. Under the Act of July 14, 1890 the Treasury Department purchased silver bullion valued at $155,931,002. The Act of Nov. 1, 1893 repealed the purchase clause of the Act of July 14, 1890. Silver now purchased by the Treasury Department is used for subsidiary coinage, i.e., half dollars, quarter dollars and dimes. No silver dollars have been coined since 1904.

Yours very truly,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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July 10, 1919.

Commandant & Supt.,
Naval Gun Factory,
U.S. Navy Yard,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:-

Your letter of June 27, 1919, 61105 (k), addressed to the Comptroller of the Currency and subsequently referred to this Bureau for attention, is at hand.

Replying I beg to advise you that the United States Assay Office at New York will undertake the remelting, forming and numbering of these crucibles to be made of the approximate sizes and dimensions as those you propose to submit, the only charge made being that of labor involved in making new crucibles.

Please advise this Bureau when shipment of the crucibles is made to the Assay Office at New York in order that the authority of this Bureau may be forwarded to the Superintendent of that institution to perform the work.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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July 10, 1919.

The Bank of Taiwan, Ltd.,
165 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

Referring to your telegram of the 8th and your letter of the 9th inst., relative to the shipment of bars of gold from San Francisco, I take pleasure in advising you that the Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco has been instructed to release the $3,000,000 in accordance with your request, it being understood that the proceeds will be paid by the Anglo & London Paris National Bank, San Francisco.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

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July 10, 1919.

Mr. W. Heehan, Asst. Cashier,
National City Bank of New York,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 8th, relative to a cable advice received by you from the Junta de Vigilancia, Lima, Peru, asking you to purchase gold for the manufacture of 100,000 discs of the same weight and alloy as the English sovereign.

Replying I beg to advise you that the discs, if authorized, cannot be manufactured at the Philadelphia Mint at the present time as that institution is so crowded with domestic coinage. They can, however, be prepared at the Mint at Denver, but we cannot proceed with the preparation of them until request has been received through our State Department from the Ambassador of Peru at this capital.

The charges for manufacturing the discs would be $10.00 per thousand pieces. The gold can be supplied at the Mint.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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July 10, 1919.

Mr. Walter D. Wales,
Cherry Valley,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of July 7th, I regret to advise you that we have no books on foreign weights and measure calculations.

It might be possible, by applying to the Collector of Customs, New York, that you could obtain some information on this subject.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the circular "Value of Foreign Coins" issued by this Department at the beginning of each quarter. If this circular is of service to you we will be glad to place your name on the regular mailing list to receive the same.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

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July 9, 1919.

Ed. Thompson Co.,
Northport, L.I.,
New York.

Gentlemen:-

With reference to your communication of June 30th concerning returning of first edition of Federal Statutes, I beg to advise that same is being returned in two packages, one package by mail containing three supplemental volumes - one for 1909 and two for 1912.

Bill of lading covering shipment by freight of box containing volumes 1 to 10 and the 1914-16 supplements is enclosed.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Encl.

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Director of the Mint, Washington, D.C.

"Contingent expense, Office of the Director of the Mint 1920".

Engineering Societies Library,

29 West 39th Street, New York City.

July 10th 9.

rector of the Mint, Washington, D.C.

Volatilization of Gold 1

T. M. Rose

Inst. M. & M. 3/13/19

Gold Bullion Refining 1

R. R. Kahan

Inst. M. &. M. November 1918

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 11, 1919.

Mr. Ed. D. Hawkins,
c/o Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith transportation orders in blank as requested in your telegram of the tenth instant.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

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July 11, 1919.

Mrs. C. Wiggins,
4753 Colfax Ave.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Madam:-

Replying to your letter of the 8th inst., I beg to advise that if you will forward the articles referred therein to this Bureau an inspection will be made of them, and if same is favorable they will be forwarded to one of our institutions and a check mailed you for their value.

Respectfully,

M M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

July 11, 1919.

Chief of the Ordnance Dept.,
War Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I beg to enclose herewith a letter received from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia relative to inscriptions to be placed upon medals to be manufactured in accordance with your letter of the 1st instant.

Will you please advise this Bureau of your wishes in regard to the engraving of the medals, the cost of which is invited to your attention.

The Superintendent also enclosed a sketch showing the engraving and also a top piece bearing inscriptions "A.E.F. 1919" and "A.E.F." only. Will you please advise the Bureau if the date 1919 is to be on the top piece bar and also to be engraved on the reverse of each medal.

Upon receipt of instructions from you with the return of the attached sketches, the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia will be instructed to proceed immediately with the preparation of the medals.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encls.
O-L

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July 11, 1919.

Hon. Augustine Lonergan,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Lonergan:-

Your letter of the 8th instant, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has by him been referred to this Bureau for attention.

As you are aware, the execution of a coin of another denomination than those now in circulation would require an act of Congress.

During recent sessions several bills have been introduced but no legislation was effected.

Yours very truly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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July 11, 1919.

Mr. W. Heehan, Asst. Cashier,
National City Bank of New York,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Replying your telegram of this day, I have to advise you that the Mint at Denver could proceed at once with the preparation of the Peruvian discs provided the request is received from the State Department through the Ambassador of Peru.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

July 11, 1919.

Auditor for the
Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith, duly approved, contracts entered into by the New York Assay Office with the following named firms:-

The Denver Fire Clay Company
Standard Oil Co. of New York
American Towel Supply Company
The Conley Foil Co. A.F.C. Branch
B. McDermott
Goodyear Rubber Company
General Chemical Company
Pennsylvania Salt Mfg. Company
Chas. Cooper & Company
Croton Chemical Company
Asbestos Textile Company
Leon Hirsh & Son
National Ice & Coal Co. Inc.
E. B. Newman

Kindly acknowledge receipt, and oblige

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

C-L
ENC.

July 12, 1919.

Robinson & Ross,
16 Exchange Place,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of July 11th, I beg to advise you that the same has been forwarded to the Supervising Architect, the officer having in charge the construction of the United States Assay Office at New York.

Respectfully,

F. H. Kelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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July 14, 1919.

The Evans Dollar Pen Co.,
Waterloo, Iowa.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of July 10th, addressed to the "United States Treasury Department", I beg to advise you that the Mint Service has no osmiridium for sale at this time.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

July 14, 1919.

Auditor for the
Navy Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of July 11th, (jfr), I beg to advise you that this Bureau does not receive information as to the rate of exchange on the pound sterling in Bermuda.

I regret that we are unable to assist you in this matter.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

July 14, 1919.

Auditor for the
Treasury Dept.,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith, duly approved, contracts entered into by the New York Assay Office with the New York Telephone Company, for file.

Kindly acknowledge receipt and oblige,

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

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July 14, 1919.

Rev. W. D. Stephenson,
Turin, Georgia.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of July 12th, I beg to advise you that the burned gold coin will be purchased at the United States Mint at Philadelphia at its bullion value. It cannot be redeemed at its face value.

In regard to the paper money destroyed, I beg to suggest that you address an inquiry to the Treasurer of the United States, that officer having in charge the disposal of burned currency.

Respectfully,

Th M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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July 14, 1919.

American Railway Express Co.,
119 West 19th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Herewith I am returning your bill No. B/4/113, in amount $864.51, with request that the second item be eliminated and placed on a separate bill, said bill to be rendered to the Secretary of the Treasury instead of to the Director of the Mint.

There is also enclosed your bill No. B/4/435, in amount $60.21, with the request that three separate bills be rendered; one to include the items marked "1", which bill should be rendered to the Secretary of the Treasury; another bill to carry item marked "2", which should be rendered to the Navy Department; the third bill can carry the rest of the items, which bill should be rendered to the Director of the Mint, Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encls.
F-L

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

July 15, 1919.

Pennsylvania Smelting Co.,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Your day letter tenth addressed to R. T. Baker, Director Mint, replied to by Assistant Secretary Leffingwell on eleventh.

O'Reilly

Acting Director Mint.

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
COMMERCIAL RATES.
COLLECT.

Departmental Stock Form 2139.

July 15, 1919.

Miss Laura Brier,
425 East Arrow,
Marshall, Mo.

Madam:-

I am returning herewith the package forwarded by you, addressed to the United States Treasury, and regret to advise you that the contents are not enough in quantity to make a deposit receivable at a Mint or Assay Office.

The charges we would be obliged to impose for preparing the deposit for melt and assay would more than offset its value.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O.L

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July 16, 1919.

Auditor for the
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith, duly approved, contract entered into by the Assay Office at Seattle with the Supply Laundry Company of that city for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1920, for file.

Kindly acknowledge receipt and oblige,

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.
O-L

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July 16, 1919.

Dear Senator Henderson:

In the absence of Mr. Baker, I take pleasure in responding to your letter of the 15th inst., relative to the duties of the Superintendents of the Mints and of the Assayers in Charge of the Assay Offices.

I am enclosing herewith marked copy of the Coinage Laws authorizing the establishment of the institutions and outlining the duties of the officers. I trust this pamphlet will give you the desired information.

Yours very truly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. Charles B. Henderson,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Enclosure.

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July 16, 1919.

Farmers & Merchants Bank,
Pamplico, S. C.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of July 11th, I beg to advise you that the coin described by you is one of the 50-centavo Philippine coins, manufactured at the Mint in San Francisco, for circulation in the Philippine Islands.

The coinage was authorized by the Act of June 23, 1906..

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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July 16, 1919.

Mrs. J. G. Bennett,
New Bern, N. C.

Madam:-

I am returning herewith the sketch enclosed in your letter of recent date and beg to advise you that no change can be made in the designs of the coins without an act of Congress.

No silver dollars are now being coined by the United States.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-4

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July 16, 1919.

Mr. James H. Meredith,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Please advise me as to the Pullman accommodations furnished - whether upper or lower berth - between San Francisco and Portland, Oregon, in July 1918.

The transportation request used does not carry this information.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

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July 16, 1919.

Mr. Milton Sklarz,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Please advise me as to the Pullman accommodations furnished - whether upper or lower berth - between San Francisco and Portland, Oregon in July 1918.

The transportation request used does not carry this information.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

RE WRITTEN:

Washington,
July 17, 1919.

Cerro de Pasco Copper Corp.,
15 Broad Street,
New York City.

Please cause to be deposited with Assistant Treasurer New York to the credit of the bullion fund Mint Denver nine hundred seventy three thousand two hundred and eighty three dollars and twenty two cents value of gold used in manufacture of discs and two thousand thirty seven dollars and seventeen cents to credit of appropriations Mint Denver cost of manufacturing Peruvian discs and boxes for same. Please have Assistant Treasurer advise United States Treasurer when this has been done.

O'Reilly

Acting Director Mint.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1920.

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ERNMENT RATES.
HARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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July 17, 1913.

Chief of the Bureau
of Insular Affairs,
War Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 15th, requesting the preparation of additional equipment by the Mint at Philadelphia for the Mint at Manila, Philippine Islands.

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has this day been instructed to prepare iron work for the construction of six melting furnaces and 12 sets of lining for the same and to purchase 100 crucibles, No. 70., in accordance with your recommendation.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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July 18, 1919.

General Passenger Agent,
Western Pacific Ry. Co.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

Herewith I am forwarding for redemption unused ticket covering first class passage from Denver to San Francisco, issued in San Francisco on May 29, 1919. This is part of a round trip ticket for passage from San Francisco to Denver and return.

Please make check payable to the Director of the Mint and forward it to that official at Washington, D. C.

Respectfully,

W. W. Field,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
F-L

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July 16, 1913.

Mrs. Mahala Small,
111 West D. street,
Joplin, Mo.

Madam:-

Replying to your letter of the 13th inst., I beg to advise you that the United States Assay Office at New York will receive deposits of gold in quantities approximating in value $100. and over.

Payment is made by check on the Treasurer of the United States after nominal charges for determining the value of the deposit by melt and assay have been deducted.

Deposits should be sent by express prepaid or registered mail.

Gold is paid for at the rate of $20.67 an ounce.

Respectfully.

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

July 16, 1919.

Chief of Ordnance Dept.,
War Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 17th, relative to the manufacture of pistol medals for the A.E.F. competition. Your instructions have been forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia with the request that the order be expedited.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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July 18, 1919.

Librarian,
Congressional Library,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

If you have a copy of the book entitled "Kunst und Gewerbeblatt" by Baiern, 1857, in your library, will you be please be so kind as to lend it to this Bureau for official business.

Respectfully,

W. M. Hatfield

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

July 19, 1913.

Mr. Joseph O. Hanson,
942 West 6th Street,
Sioux Falls, S. D.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of July 7th, relative to a shipment of platinum, will you please advise me of the nature of the contents of this package, as near as you can recall it.

An effort is now being made to trace the same.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

July 19, 1919.

Mr. Bronson, In Charge
of Stock & Shipping Section,
Department of Commerce,
19th St. & Penn. Ave.,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Will you please deliver to the bearer the set of weights, which were forwarded to you on June 27th, from the Bureau of Standards.

For your information I am enclosing a copy of a letter received this day from the Bureau of Standards in reference to these weights.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

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July 21, 1919.

Mr. H. N. Lawrie, Chairman,
Division of Precious & Rare Metals,
The American Mining Congress,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 15th, on the subject of gold. Replying I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a copy of the report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1918, the last published, and beg to refer you to pages 63-64, showing the amounts of gold used in the arts by calendar years from 1890 to 1917. I hope to be able to give you the figures of the amount of gold sold for the arts by the two principal offices of the Mint Service, namely Philadelphia and New York, sometime during this week. The figures for the entire consumption of gold in the arts will not be ready until sometime in October.

In reply to your inquiry relative to the defacement of coin, I am enclosing herewith a copy of the Penal Code and refer you to Section 165, etc. There is no law which prohibits the total destruction of gold coins.

The institutions of the Mint Service sell gold bars for gold coin or gold certificates, and in lots of not less than $5,000.00.

Section 3518 R.S., provides that at the option of the owner gold or silver may be cast into bars of fine metal, or of standard fineness, or unparted, as he may prefer, with a stamp upon the same designating the weight and fineness, * * * * * * *.

No change has been made during the war period or since, in the charges collected for refining bullion.

I regret that this Bureau has not on hand any extra copies of the War Trade Board orders.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encls.
O-L

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July 21, 1919.

Mr. W. J. Thomas,
Hull, Qtebec,
Canada.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of July 16th, relative to employment in a United States Mint, I beg to advise you that all appointments to the Mint Service are subject to United States Civil Service examination.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

July 22, 1919.

My dear Will:-

It gives me great pleasure to enclose the President's Commission, appointing you Assayer in Charge of the United States Mint at Carson.

I am also enclosing a blank form of bond to be executed by you in the sum of $20,000.00 and returned to this office for approval. As soon as the bond has been approved by the department you will be advised by wire to take the oath before a United States Judge. After you have taken the oath funds will be placed to your credit and the Acting Assayer in Charge instructed in regard to closing out the accounts now carried in her name.

With my personal good wishes for your success. I am

Very cordially and sincerely,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosures.
C-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

July 22, 1919.

Miss Inez Myrtle Nathan,
231 West 69th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Madam:-

I have your letter of July 19th, relative to the manufacture of one cent pieces. I am forwarding under separate cover a copy of the report of the Director of the Mint, which will give you the coinage of one cent pieces since the beginning of coinage.

The number of one cent pieces manufactured at the Mints depends upon the demand. At the present time the Mints are coining about $30,000. worth of one cent pieces a day. One cent pieces are put into bags containing $50.00 each.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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July 22, 1913.

Mr. J. Aldrich Holmes,
Caseville, Michigan.

Sir:-

Your letter of July 15th, addressed to the United States Treasurer, has been forwarded to this Bureau by Hon. Louis C. Cramton, House of Representatives.

Replying to your inquiry, I beg to enclose herewith a copy of the Coinage Laws and invite your attention to page 76, which will give you the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890 covering the purchase of silver bullion to which you refer. I would also direct your attention to page 85 of the copy of the Coinage Laws herewith, where you will find the repeal of the purchase clause of the Act of July 14, 1890. I also beg to call your attention to Section 2 of the Act of July 14, 1890, in reference to the parity of gold and silver.

I trust this will give you the information you are seeking in regard to the purchase of silver for the purposes indicated in your letter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
C-L

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July 22, 1919.

Mr. H.N.Lawrie, Chairman,
Division of Precious & Rare Metals,
The American Mining Congress,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Referring to my letter of July 21st, relative to the amount of gold consumed in the arts, I beg to forward the information in regard to the periods, calendar year 1918 and Jan. 1st to date 1919;-

PHILADELPHIA MINT

Calendar year 1918	$1,160,494.96
Calendar year 1919 to June 30th inc.	884,087.67

NEW YORK ASSAY OFFICE

Calendar year 1918	$38,838,385.42
Jan. 1 to July 19 '19 inclusive...	29,785,371.64

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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July 22, 1919.

Mr. A. Oliver Lawrence,
346 Hanover Street,
Bridgeport, Conn.

Sir:-

Your letter of July 18th addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has by him been referred to this Bureau.

I am returning herewith the dollar enclosed in your letter to cover the cost of a silver dollar of 1919 and beg to advise you that no silver dollars have been coined since 1904.

Regretting my inability to serve you, I am

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encls.
O-L

July 22, 1919.

Mr. H. P. Willis, Director,
Division of Analysis & Research,
Federal Reserve Board,
511 Philosophy Hall,
116th Street,
New York City.

Sir:-

As per your request of January 14, 1919, I beg to advise that that part of the United States Mint receipts of gold for the quarter April-June 1919, which may be classed under the headings indicated, follows:-

	Fine ozs.
Unrefined bullion from domestic material	182,117
" " " foreign "	69,544
Private Refinery product	736,570

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

July 28, 1910.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. McGUIRE.

Replying to your memorandum of July 10th, I beg to submit the following:

This Bureau compiles statistics covering the production of the precious metals in the principal countries of the world, the use of gold and silver in the arts and in coinage, stock of gold held by the various nations, information regarding the coinage laws and other particulars respecting the currency of foreign countries.

The information is, as a rule, obtained from our Ministers and Consul Officers in foreign countries, who are requested to secure the data from official sources. In instances where official information cannot be obtained, best available private authorities are resorted to. Inquiries are sent out annually and the replies are compiled for the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint.

The pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World" is brought up to date and issued at intervals of about two years.

Under the provisions of the Act of August 27, 1894, the circular entitled "Value of Foreign Coins" is published quarterly for use by the Customs Authorities.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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July 28, 1919.

Auditor for the
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith, duly approved, contracts entered into by the United States Mint at Denver with the following named firms to furnish supplies for the fiscal year 1920:-

Western Iron Foundry Co.
The Continental Oil Co.
The Western Chemical Mfg. Co.
Baltzlr Meiberger
The Denver Towel & Supply Co.
The Colorado Ice & Cold Storage Co.

Kindly acknowledge receipt, and oblige

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
C-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

July 23, 1919.

Mr. Ole Nielson,
Box 314, Lake Forest,
Illinois.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of July 16th, I beg to advise you that the Department has no specimens of the Holland half cent piece.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

July 25, 1913.

Hon. James T. Byrnes,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 19th inst. giving an excerpt from a letter received from Mrs. J. H. Seigler, Cleora, S.C., relative to a silver castor she wishes to sell, I beg to advise you that there is no place in Washington where this can be received by the Government.

If you will advise Mrs. Seigler to forward the castor to the United States Assay Office at New York the castor will be melted and the value of the silver contained paid for by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

The Assay Office is not required to received deposits which do not approximate in value $100.00. In this case, however, the Superintendent will be instructed to receive the castor and make payment for the same to Mrs. Seigler.

Yours very truly,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

July 23, 1919.

Librarian,
United States Patent Office,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I would thank you to inform me if you have a copy of Kunst und Gewerblatt Baiern, 1857.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

D-b

July 23, 1919.

Mr. M. P. Jones,
Box 17, Ellicott City,
Maryland.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of recent date, I beg to advise you that the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York will purchase old gold and silver in quantities approximating in value $100.00 and over. Payment is made for the same by check on the Treasurer of the United States, after nominal charges have been deducted for determining the value of the deposit.

The government does not receive platinum.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

S-I

July 24, 1919.

Mr. H. H. Plummer,
549 Monadnock Bldg.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

Enclosed please find two duplicate bills representing your claim for transportation, etc., of machinery furnished to the United States Mint at San Francisco.

With return of these bills please advise me if the amounts stated under the heading "advance", $1.11 and $21.99, include any charges at Grand Rapids, for loading, cartage, etc., and if so the amount of such charges.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encls.
F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

July 24, 1919.

Mr. H.N.Lawrie, Chairman,
Division of Precious & Rare Metals,
The American Mining Congress,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 22nd, relative to the consumption of gold in the arts.

I regret that I have no figures other than those forwarded you on July 22nd, upon which to base an estimate. We have given you the official figures covering amount sold by the New York Assay Office and the Philadelphia Mint for the year 1918 and also the figures for the six months of the year 1919.

As the sales of the Philadelphia Mint and the New York Assay Office cover practically all of the gold sold by the Mint Service in the arts, I can give you no better basis upon which to make an estimate.

Replying to your inquiry as to the authority under which the institutions of the Mint Service sell gold bars, you are referred to the Act of March 3, 1901.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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July 25, 1919.

Mr. F.A.Digneowity,
505-5th Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your letter of July 24th, I beg to advise you that approximately two hundred million ounces of silver were sold as a result of the melting of silver dollars under the Pittman Act. The silver was sold at $1.00 per ounce one thousand fine.

Up to the present time no silver has been purchased to replace the amount indicated above.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

July 25, 1919.

Mr. W. Meehan, Asst. Cashier,
National City Bank,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 24th and note your wishes that the negotiations for the manufacture of one hundred thousand Peruvian discs be suspended.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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July 25, 1919.

Mr. R. E. Wood,
The Wilson Chemical Co.,
Toledo, Ohio.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of July 17th addressed to the Post Master General and referred by him to this Bureau, I beg to advise you that the piece you described has bullion value only.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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July 25, 1919.

Auditor for the
Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Herewith enclosed find Pullman Company claim ED-64521, in amount $120.70, corrected in conformity with your letter of the 15th instant.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L
Encl.

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

July 26, 1919.

Mr. Jas. A. Greg,
Wachovia Bank & Trust Co.,
Winston-Salem, N.C.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 24th addressed to the "United States Assay Office, Washington, D.C."

There is no Assay Office under the Government in Washington where work is done for the public. The nearest point to which you might ship a specimen of your ore for analysis would be to the United States Mint at New Orleans.

I am enclosing herewith a card indicating the charges.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
C-L

July 28, 1919.

The Merchants National Bank,
Fargo, North Dakota.

Gentlemen:-

Since writing you today your letter of July 24th addressed to the First National Bank of Minneapolis, enclosing a draft to the Treasurer of the United States for $500.00 has reached this Bureau.

In order to avoid further confusion I am returning the correspondence that it may be clearned up by you to your satisfaction.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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July 26, 1919.

Mrs. Matt Hendersoe,
Box 256, Rolla,
North Dakota.

Madam:-

Replying to your letter of July 21st, I beg to advise you that Canadian coin is not receivable as such in this country.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

G-L

July 26, 1919.

The Merchants National Bank,
Fargo, North Dakota.

Gentlemen;-

I am enclosing herewith correspondence which reached this Bureau this morning, which was evidently intended for the Treasurer of the United States.

Your envelope addressed to the First National Bank Minneapolis was attached to your letter without the enclosure.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

July 20, 1919.

Mr. D.W.Newsom, Treasurer,
Trinity College,
Durham, N. C.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 26th relative to platinum said to have been stolen from the laboratory of your college.

Your letter has been forwarded to the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York. The Superintendent of that institution will be requested to keep your letter in mind in case platinum is offered for sale at that office.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

July 26, 1910.

Scientific American Pub. Co.,
233 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

Your letter of July 24th requesting permission to photograph some of the Underpinning and Foundation work of the New York Assay Office at New York, now under construction, has been forwarded to the Supervising Architect, Treasury Department, that officer being the one in charge of the construction work.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Q-L

July 23, 1919.

Dr. A. A. Smith,
Berea, Ohio.

Sir:-

The package referred to in your card of the 17th inst., has reached this Bureau and has been forwarded to the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York, who will remit to you for the value of the contents.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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July 30, 1919.

Eugene G. Mathews,
1st Lieut., Ord. Dept., U.S.A.,
Rm. 1701, Munition Bldg.,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of July 28th, I beg to advise you that the Treasury Department does not keep coins segregated by years, and has no coins, types of which are not in circulation.

I am forwarding under separate cover a copy of the report of the Director of the Mint, which will give you the coinage by years from the beginning of the operations of the United States Mint.

If you desire to call at this office any information we have in regard to coins and coinage will be very gladly placed at your disposal.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

C.J.

July 30, 1910.

Mr. George W. Swalley,
864 John St.,
Coshocton, O.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of July 27th, I beg to advise you that in 1884 there were 2,931,220 dimes coined. I am unable to tell you where you can procure one of these pieces.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

July 30, 1913.

Mr. Chas. A. Chase, Mgr.,
Liberty Bell Gold Mining Co.,
Telluride, Colorado.

Sir:-

Your letter of July 22nd, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

In regard to your reference to the practice of the Mint in withholding any fraction of a cent contained in the daily telegraphic quotation on silver in making payment for partings, I beg to call your attention to the fact that this practice, which has only recently been inaugurated, gives the depositor of silver a higher rate of payment than he has ever received at the Mints or Assay Offices for silver contained in his deposit.

Probably you will recall that it was the practice for many years to fix the price a cent or two cents, and sometimes more than that, under the market price. The present practice of allowing the Mints and Assay Office to follow the market, less the fraction, gives the depositors a closer market price than ever before.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

G-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

July 30, 1919.

Mr. Dare E. Blair,
3920 Homewood Ave.,
Toledo, Ohio.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of July 27th, I regret to advise you that the Government is not calling in silver dollars coined in 1895. I am not aware that they have any premium.

In 1895 2c,537,767 silver dollars were coined.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

July 30, 1919.

The Adjutant General,
State of New York,
Albany, New York.

Sir.-

Replying to your letter of July 28th, asking if we are in a position to bid on medals for Mexican Border service, which the State of New York is to issue, I beg to say that the condition of business at the Mints at the present time is so pressing and orders for National Medals so urgent that it would be impracticable for us to undertake the manufacture of medals for the State of New York.

Regretting that I am unable to assist you in this respect, I am

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

C-L

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July 30, 1919.

Hon. F.M.Simmons,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Simmons:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 29th, giving an excerpt from a letter from Mr. A.F.Graves, R.F.D.#2, Box 35, Maxton, North Carolina.

Replying I have the honor to state that the Government does not pay premium upon any issue of coins.

I regret that I am unable to advise you whether Coin Collectors hold the dime of 1872 at a premium.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

C-L

July 30, 1919.

Publishers of the Times,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

I am returning herewith your voucher in amount $11.00, covering subscription to the New York Times, Daily not Sunday, and beg to refer you to my order requesting the Daily Times and my letter of the 21st inst. advising you that we did not wish the Sunday Times.

If you will kindly forward voucher covering the subscription to the New York Times, Daily Edition not Sunday, the account will be adjusted with pleasure.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.

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July 31, 1919.

Mr. M. H. Goulston,
Chief Clerk,
Patent Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 30th inst. stating that you had at the library a copy of Kunst und Gewerblatt Baiern 1857.

The Assayer of this Bureau will avail himself of the privilege of consulting this work at the Patent Office.

Thanking you for your courtesy in the matter. I am

Respectfully.

Acting Director of the Mint.

O.L.

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July 31, 1919.

Mr. Karl Geiges,
75 Albion Street,
Waterbury, Conn.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of July 26th, I beg to advise you that die makers or die engravers employed in the Mint At Philadelphia are employed on the result of Civil Service Examination.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O.L

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July 31, 1919.

Landsheft & Smith,
Brisbane Bldg.,
Buffalo, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of July 29th, I beg to request that you advise me of the period covered by your inquiry as to the amount of platinum received at the Assay Office at New York.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

August 2, 1919.

National City Bank,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:- Att. Asst. Cashier.

Replying to your letter of July 30th, I beg to state that the matter of the Venezuelan coinage has this week been taken up with the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia and we are planning to undertake the execution of orders now pending for foreign coinage.

I hope to be able to edivse you further during the coming week of the exact date upon which we hope to begin filling the order for the Venezuelan Government.

Respectfully,

W. Fr. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L.

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August 4, 1919.

United Engineering Society.
29 West 39th Street.
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

I am returning herewith your account for a copy of the leaflet entitled "Gold Bullion Refining", and beg to request that you render the same on the enclosed form of voucher.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encls.
O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

August 4, 1919.

Merchants National Bank,
Fargo, North Dakota.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 31st enclosing a draft for $500.00 and order for one cent pieces.

The draft has been delivered to the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

August 4, 1919.

Mr. Mahala Small,
111 West D Street,
Joplin, Missouri.

Sir:-

I am returning herewith the material forwarded by you and regret that we cannot receive the same. The United States Mints are not required to receive deposits of gold or silver of less than $100.00 in value. The two pieces forwarded by you would not have sufficient metal in them to cover the charges for melting.

The specimen ore appears to be pyrites, a form of iron ore, and has no particular value.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

August 4, 1919.

Mr. Curstell Duckworth,
Box 97, Barton,
Maryland.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of August 1st, I beg to advise you that there is no place in Washington under the control of the Government where ore is assayed or analyzed for the public.

If you will forward the ore you have to the United States Mint at New Orleans, the same will be assayed for gold and silver at a charge of $1.00 prepaid.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

August 4, 1919.

Margulies Iron & Metal Co.,
Sioux Falls, S. D.

Gentlemen:-

I am returning herewith the platinum enclosed in your letter of July 31st and beg to advise you that the Mint is not purchasing that metal.

During the war the United States Assay Office at New York handled platinum for the Ordnance Department. The need of the government having been fully supplied the War Department is not now in the market for platinum.

Respectfully,

N. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

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August 4, 1919.

Landshaft & Smith,
Brisbane Bldg.,
Buffalo, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of August 2nd, I am enclosing herewith a copy of the report of the Director of the Mint for the calendar year 1918, the latest published, and beg to refer you to page 8. This report will give you the amount of platinum handled at the New York Assay Office during the fiscal year 1918. No figures are available for 1919.

The only platinum now being received by the New York Assay Office is that extracted from deposits of gold and silver in the electrolytic process.

As soon as the report for the fiscal year 1919 is available, I will take pleasure in causing a copy to be sent you. Your name has been placed on the mailing list for this report.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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August 4, 1919.

Carlter,
353-5th Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

Will you please forward to this Bureau a copy of the circular illustrating the "Peace Medal", recently issued by you, and oblige

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

August 4, 1919.

Auditor for the
Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Claim of the Oliver Machinery Company, voucher No. 2055 in amount $125.10, received with your letter of July 25, 1919, is enclosed herewith with the information that no cartage charges, payable by the Government, accrued at point of origination of the shipment.

The unloading and cartage charges of $6.53, carried on the bills of the Overland Freight Transportation Company attached to the voucher for services at destination, are approved as being payable by the Government.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

August 4, 1919.

Auditor of Freight Accounts,
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R.,
547 West Jackson Boulevard.
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:-

I have your inquiries of July 29th and July 30th concerning the status of government claims Nos. 23437, 23548, 23870 and 23871, and beg to advise that upon inquiry of the Auditor's Office I am informed that they are considerably behind with their work and that claims are being settled in the order of their receipt. He also advised me that the claims in question will probably not be reached until October or November.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

August 5, 1919.

Auditor for the
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Will you kindly return to this Bureau the following vouchers, disallowed as being not payable from Mint Appropriations, that they may be transmitted to the United States Employees Compensation Commission for payment from an appropriation under the juriddiction of that commission:-

Voucher of the Scholz Drug Co. for $1.50, disallowed in the account of Thomas Annear, Superintendent of the Denver Mint, for the period Oct. 1st to Dec. 31, 1918, audit No. 10672.

Voucher of the Owl Drug Co. in amount $6.45 and $1.65, disallowed in the account of T.W.H.Shanahan, Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint, for the period Oct. 1st to Dec. 31, 1918, audit No. 10768.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

August 5, 1919.

Farmers State Bank,
Kettle River,
Minnesota.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of Aug. 2nd and package forwarded by registered mail containing burned money.

The metal has been forwarded to the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint and that officer will forward to you the value of the gold and silver found to be in the pieces, after they have been melted.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

August 5, 1919.

Chief Clerk,
War Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter received this day from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia relative to the dies of War Department medals, asked for by Bailey, Banks and Biddle Company.

Will you please advise me of your wishes in the matter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.

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August 5, 1919.

Mr. Antony Giannetto,
22 W. Elder Street,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sir:-

Replying to your request of recent date, I am forwarding under separate cover the following:-

Value of Foreign Coins.
Information Relative to Coins & Medals.
Copy of laws Relating to Coinage.
Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World.

The Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint at Philadelphia is a volume of over 600 pages and is for sale by the Public Printer at $1.00.

The Guide to the Collections at Philadelphia is for sale by the Public Printer at 10¢ a copy.

Your name has been placed on the mailing list for future publications which are gratuitously circulated.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

August 6, 1919.

Miss Caroline E. Hoy,
Crystal River,
Florida.

Madam:-

Replying to your letter of August 4th, I beg to advise you that this Department does not redeem foreign money.

The ten dollar bill you have which has been torn, should be forwarded to the Treasurer of the United States and that officer will advise you of the value of the same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

August 6, 1919.

Mr. Chester T. Kennan,
409 Empire State Bldg.,
Spokane, Washington.

Sir:-

Your letter of July 22nd addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred by him to this Bureau for reply as to the price of gold. Responding to your question "What is a fair price per fine ounce now in New York for new gold; and to whom there can gold miners send their gold to obtain the open market price for it?", I beg to advise you that the United States Assay Office at New York pays $20.67 an ounce for gold one thousand fine.

In reply to your next inquiry as to the price paid for gold exported from the United States, I beg to advise that all gold sold by the United States Assay Office at New York was sold at the rate of $20.67 an ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

August 6, 1919.

Hon. M. F. Phelan,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Phelan:-

Attention has been called to the fact that an expense account covering your travel and subsistence as a member of the Annual Assay Commission has not been rendered.

The law authorizes the paying of your travel and subsistence expenses and I shall be obliged if you will cause the account to be rendered at your earliest convenience in order that the books of the Mint at Philadelphia may be closed for the fiscal year 1919.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

August 6, 1919.

Dr. A. R. Johnson,
St. George,
South Carolina.

Sir:-

Attention has been called to the fact that an expense account covering your travel and subsistence as a member of the Annual Assay Commission has not been rendered.

The law authorizes the paying of your travel and subsistence expenses and I shall be obliged if you will cause the account to be rendered at your earliest convenience in order that the books of the Mint at Philadelphia may be closed for the fiscal year 1919.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

August 6, 1919.

Mr. E. T. Newell,
c/o Dr. Kunz,
Tiffany & Co.,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

Attention has been called to the fact that an expense account covering your travel and subsistence as a member of the Annual Assay Commission has not been rendered.

The law authorizes the paying of your travel and subsistence expenses and I shall be obliged if you will cause the account to be rendered at your earliest convenience in order that the books of the Mint at Philadelphia may be closed for the fiscal year 1919.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

August 6, 1919.

Hon. George P. Darrow,
House of Represenatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Darrow:-

Attention has been called to the fact that an expense account covering your travel and subsistence as a member of the Annual Assay Commission has not been rendered.

The law authorizes the paying of your travel and subsistence expenses and I shall be obliged if you will cause the account to be rendered at your earliest convenience in order that the books of the Mint at Philadelphia may be closed for the fiscal year 1919.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

August 6, 1919.

Mr. S. B. Gracier,
409 Montgomery St.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

I have your letter of July 29th relative to a deposit of platinum which you made at the United States Mint in San Francisco in August 1918 and which was subsequently sent to the New York Assay Office.

The Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York was in this office yesterday and the matter was taken up with him personally.

He recalled the case and informed me that when your letter reached his office he went into the matter carefully. As the weighing and calculating of each deposit is the work of more than one person, and as no extra amount of platinum was found in the total deposits to be accounted for at the time your deposit was received at the New York Assay Office, the Superintendent felt that fact would appear to make it evident that the weight of your individual deposit had been reported correctly by his office.

I regret that there is no possible way in which we can further verify the weight of the platinum sent by you, as the individual deposit has now lost its identity.

I am returning herewith the correspondence enclosed in your letter and appreciate your courteous treatment of this matter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

August 7, 1919.

Guanajuato Development Co.,
50 Broad Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

Responding to your letter of August 5th, I take pleasure in enclosing copy of the report of the Director of the Mint for 1918.

This report is issued anually, shortly after the close of each fiscal year.

I have today placed your name on our regular mailing list that you may receive this report as soon as it is published each year.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

August 7, 1919.

Auditor of Freight Accounts,
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R.,
547 West Jackson Boulevard,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 4th inst., file J-1179, government claims Nos. 23548A and 23437, I beg to advise as follows:

Your claim No. 23437 for $20.21, covers transportation charges on 4 tanks; your claim No. 23548 for $10.10, covers transportation charges on 2 tanks, a total of 6 tanks, 4 of which were received in good condition at the Denver Mint and 2 of which were broken. Both the above mentioned claims have been approved by this office and forwarded to the Auditor for settlement in the amounts rendered. The Auditor's office is considerably behind in its work, but you will doubtless receive payment as indicated above, in due time. So far as this office is informed, your claim No. 23437 has not been reduced to $10.11, as indicated in your letter of the 4th instant.

With regard to the $9.50 deducted on account of two bibb cocks ground in to the tanks, at $4.75 each, I have to state that these cocks form part of the tanks and represent additional cost to us, not being included in the price of the tanks, which was $85.00 each.

It therefore appears that your supplemental bill No. 23548a in the sum of $19.60, forwarded with letter of the 4th inst., is an erroneous claim, and as such it will be placed on file in this office without further action.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

August 5, 1919.

Mr. H. C. Bloodgood,
601 So. Monroe Street,
Monroe, Michigan.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 2nd. Replying I beg to state that unless your samples are unusually rich you will have some difficulty in finding a purchaser for them.

You might write to the following:-

Pennsylvania Smelting Co.,
Pittsburg, Pa.

Grasselli Chemical Co.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Balbach Smelting & Refining Co.,
Newark, N. J.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

D-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

August 8, 1919.

Mrs. E.B.Morrison,
622 W 135th Street,
New York, N.Y.

Madam:-

In accordance with the request contained in your letter of the 5th inst., I have forwarded to the Bureau of Standards the package you sent this office under date of July 30th, which is said to contain specimens of ore for assay.

Respectfully,

N. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

August 8, 1919.

Mr. Milton Sklarz,
c/o Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

Under date of July 9, 1919, this office forwarded to the Auditor for the Treasury Department, bills covering your transportation expenses to San Francisco and return on Annual Settlement last year, with the information that you were entitled to first class transportation, also lower berth accomodations, at a cost not to exceed that by the most direct route.

I am now advised by the Auditor that the expense incurred by you in use of transportation requests was $239.39 and that the transportation and Pullman accomodations could have been secured by way of direct route for $201.51. The difference of $37.88 should be forwarded as early as practicable to this office for deposit in the Treasury.

Regretting the necessity of calling upon you for this refund, I am

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

August 8, 1919.

Mr. J. H. Meredith,
c/o Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Under date of July 9, 1919 this office forwarded to the Auditor for the Treasury Department, bills covering your transportation expenses to San Francisco and return on Annual Settlement last year, with the information that you were entitled to first class transportation, also lower berth accomodations, at a cost not to exceed that by the most direct route.

I am now advised by the Auditor that the expense incurred by you in use of transportation requests was $232.41 and that the transportation and Pullman accomodations could have been secured by way of direct route for $197.25. The difference of $35.15 should be forwarded as early as practicable to this office for deposit in the Treasury.

Regretting the necessity of calling upon you for this refund. I am

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

Director of the Mint.

"Contingent expense, Mint at Carson 1920".

Remington Typewriter Co.,

Washington, D. C.

August 8th 9.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint, Carson, Nevada.

18620	(a)	Remington Typewriter	$70.
18620	(c)	" Tabulator	14.
			$84.

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Serial #44623 less --- 15. 69 00

69 00

W McReady

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 8, 1919.

Mr. E. J. Maupin,
Orland, Indiana.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 28th ult., addressed to the "Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.", I beg to state that the records of this office do not show that the gold deposit described therein has been received in this Bureau and we would like to be advised whether you sent it to the United States Mint at Denver or Philadelphia, or any other institution.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

August 8, 1919.

Miss Rae Webb,
304 W. Main Street,
Salem, Va.

Madam:-

Replying to your letter of August 7th, I beg to advise you that the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York will receive deposits of gold in quantities approximating in value $100.00.

Payment is made for the same by check on the Treasurer of the United States after the value of the deposit has been determined by melt and assay.

Respectfully,

By W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

August 8, 1919.

Dr. George F. Kunz,
405-5th Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Kunz:-

Your letter of August 6th was called to Mr. Baker's attention and he has directed me to say that Dr. Louis Comparette, the Curator of the Mint at Philadelphia is our expert on coins, having in charge the numismatic collection of the Philadelphia Mint.

Mr. Baker is sure that Dr. Comparette will be very glad to serve in any capacity in the interest of the Second Pan American Financial Conference.

Sincerely yours,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

August 9, 1919.

The Auditor for the Treasury,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith original contracts with the firms named, entered into by the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, for furnishing his Mint with supplies during the fiscal year 1920, the contracts having been duly approved by the Secretary of the Treasury:-

Pacific Gas & Electric Company.
National Ice and Cold Storage Co.
LeGrande Laundry Co.
Standard Oil Company
Shell Oil Company
Associated Oil Company
Union Oil Company.

Will you please cuase the receipt of the contracts to be acknowledged.

Respectfully,

W. M. Kelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 9, 1919.

The Proprietor,
THE ECONOMIST,
Granville House, Arundel Street,
London W. C. 2. England.

Sir:

Referring to the letter of this Bureau dated July 7, 1919, renewing the subscription to THE ECONOMIST for the Director of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., I beg now to subscribe for another copy of the ECONOMIST, to be sent to the following address, account for which will be paid by the Director of the Mint:-

"Hon. Robert C. Leffingwell,
Assistant Secretary of the Treasury,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C."

A blank form of voucher is enclosed for this subscription, which is in addition to the subscription of this Bureau for the ECONOMIST for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1920.

Respectfully,

[signature]

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 11, 1919.

Mr. Justin F. McCarthy,
Exalted Ruler, Chicago Lodge No. 4,
Order of Elks,
174 - 76 W. Washington Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant relative to the coinage of money of new denominations.

Replying you are advised that an act of Congress would be required to authorize us to coin pieces of other denominations than those now in circulation.

Your letter has been placed on file and will be referred to with pleasure should legislation along the line you suggest be undertaken.

Respectfully,

M. W. Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

August 11, 1919.

Captain G. W. Franzheim, U. S. A.,
Purchase Storage and Traffic Division,
Office of the Director of Sales,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Captain Franzheim:

Your letter of August 8th, relative to the disposal of platinum contact points, has this day been received.

Replying I beg to say that the United States Assay Office at New York will undertake to recover the platinum from worn magnetoes, and refine the same, at a charge sufficient to cover the cost of the work.

The refined product could be placed on the market and disposed of by the Superintendent of the Assay Office at current market rates, and returns made to the designated office.

This procedure has been followed in handling the platinum product for the Ordnance Department during the War.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 19, 1919.

The Publishers,
THE NEW YORK TIMES
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

This Bureau is receiving two copies of The Analist, under addresses shown in enclosed slips.

Will you please cause but one copy to be sent, and that one to "THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT, TREASURY DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C." in accordance with copy of address herewith marked "Correct".

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

August 11, 1919.

Dr. G. L. Tennehill,
Cor. Main and High Streets,
Minerva, Ohio.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant advising of the shipment of a package said to contain dental scrap. The package has this day been delivered by the Express Company.

There is no Mint in Washington, and no institution in Washington under the control of the Government where such deposits are received. The package has been forwarded unopened to the Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office, New York, and that officer will remit to you the value of the gold and silver contained in the scrap. He will not be able to purchase the platinum contained in your deposit, and will advise you in regard to it.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

August 11, 1919.

Gentlemen:

Will you please advise this Bureau of the rates at which you will furnish to the United States Mint, New Orleans, La., the following graphite goods. Please quote on delivery of the goods to the Mint Building, New Orleans:

CRUCIBLES:

50	No.	4
50	"	14
12	"	40
12	"	50
12	"	60
12	"	70
12		

COVERS.

50	No.	10
50	"	14
50	"	20
50	"	30
25	"	70
25		

BLACK LEAD DIPPING CUPS
25

STIRRERS -----Medium sizes ----------50.

Respectfully,

W. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Joseph Dixon Crucible Company
Jersey City, N. J.

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

August 13, 1919.

Memorandum for Mr. Thompson:

The letter of Mr. Kennan's dated July 22nd, was referred to this Bureau for reply as to the rate at which gold is bought and sold in New York. Under date of August 6th Mr. Kennan was informed that the United States Assay Office at New York bought and sold gold bullion at the rate of $20.67 per fine ounce.

It is understood that other inquiries contained in Mr. Kennan's letter of July 22nd were replied to by the Governor of the Reserve Board previous to the time the letter was referred to this Bureau.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 14, 1919.

Mr. Louis N. P. Scotto,
Real Estate and Insurance
212 Columbia St.,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 8th instant I regret to advise you that the Government has no publications covering interest tables of all rates of the value of United States money in foreign exchange.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the circular Value of Foreign Coins" which may be of interest to you, and have placed your name on the mailing list to receive this publication which is issued on the 1st day of each quarter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

Aug. 14, 1919.

Editor "ANSWERS", THE SUN,

Baltimore, Md.

Sir:

In reply to your inquiry of yesterday you are advised as follows:

The new dime was first coined Oct. 27, 1916; the new quarter Dec. 29, 1916; the new halves Dec. 22, 1916.

No halves and quarters of the old model were coined in 1917.

The buffalo nickel was first coined Feb. 21, 1913.

No nickels of the old design were coined in 1913.

The first Indian head cent was coined in 1864.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

H

August 14, 1919.

Mr. G. M. Brumbaugh,
Trustee Juniata College,
Huntingdon, Pa.
905 Mass. Ave., Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 13th instant I beg to advise you that the "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint at Philadelphia" is a volume of aver 600 pages, and is for sale by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, at $1.00 per copy.

I regret that we have been allowed no copies for gratuitous distribution.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 14, 1919.

Mr. Olaf N. Guldlin,
2306 Fairfield Avenue,
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Sir:

Your letter of the 7th instant, addressed to the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, has by him been referred to this Bureau for attention.

Your suggestions relative to new denominations of coins have been read with interest. You are doubtless aware that an act of Congress would be required to permit the coinage of pieces of other denominations than these now in circulation. Should legislation be undertaken your letter will be referred to.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

August 15, 1919.

Dr. E. J. Ackley
Iowa Building,
Sioux City, Iowa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of a box forwarded by you and to contain gold filings and scrap. As there is no institution in Washington under the Government where such material is received, the package has been forwarded unopened to the United States Assay Office, New York, and the Superintendent of that Office will remit to you the value of the gold and silver contents of the deposit.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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...URY DEPARTMENT.
...ER AND SUPERINTENDENT.
Form 62.
F. C., Dec. 11-12.
...by the Comptroller of the Treasury
May 10, 1912.

PURCHASE OR STORES REQUISITION.

Treasury Department.

Requisition No. .....

...m:

Director of the Mint

August 15, 1919.

...EF CLERK, Treasury Department:

...d furnish for use ..... the articles or services other than personal
...ow which I certify are necessary for the public service.

...n No. ...y Schedule	Article or Service	Quantity Requested	Unit	Unit Price	Cost	Order No.
	Telephone (new station) room 166.					

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

August 16, 1919.

John Mackay & Co.,
Toronto, Canada.

Sir:

Responding to your request of the 12th instant, in letter addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, and by him referred to this Bureau for attention, I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a copy of the letter addressed to Hon. Charles A. Sulzer, House of Representative, in connection with the report of the special committee appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury to study the gold situation.

I regret that we have no copies of the report of Governor Boyle's committee, and suggest that a letter addressed to Governor Boyle at Carson City, Nevada, might procure for you a copy of his report.

For a copy of Mr. Hennen Jennings' committee report I have forwarded your letter to his office.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

August 18, 1919.

Mr. John F. Allen,
212 Union Street,
Providence, R. I.
(P. O. Box 45)

Sir;

Replying to your letter of the 14th instant I beg to say that it is understood by this Bureau that the Czecho Slovakian crown has the same value as the French franc, namely $0.193. This unit of value has not yet been included in the official issue of the "Value of Foreign Coins" which is published quarterly, a copy of which is enclosed. The information is offered unofficially.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 19, 1919.

Gentlemen:

Will you please advise this Bureau of the rate at which you will deliver to the Mint Building, Denver, Colorado, forty (40) tons of electrolytic copper for minor coinage.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Clendenmin Brothers,
Clendenin Building,
Baltimore, Md.

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

August 18, 1919.

The Boulter Mfg. Co.,
23rd Street above Race,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith a blank form of voucher upon which it is requested you will render your account for the muffles forwarded to this Bureau in June, 1919.

I am glad to be able to advise you that the alterations necessary were made in the laboratory of this Bureau without mishap.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 19, 1919.

Lt. Commander Alvin Hovey-King,
District Supply Office,
406 Atlantic Building,
Boston, Mass.

Sir:

Your letter of the 14th instant, addressed to the Treasurer of the United States, asking for the rate of exchange for payment in French and English currency, has been referred to this Bureau.

Replying I beg to advise you that the Department does not issue information covering daily rates of exchange. I am enclosing herewith a copy of the Circular issued at the beginning of each quarter, giving the value of foreign coins, and referring in the Remarks column to average conditions of exchange but not the daily fluctuations.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Aug. 21, 1919.

American Railway Express Co.,
119 W 19th Street, New York.

Gentlemen:

Your bills, numbers B/5/366 for $1225.99, and B/6/80 for $153.86, each carry charge for an item that is not payable by the Mint Service, but by another division of the Treasury Department. Bills of lading representing these items are therefore being returned to you and your bills above numbered will be paid in the sums of $1157.22 and $1785.23, respectively.

Your claim on bills of lading number 164966, $68.77, and number 164967, $68.35, should be rendered on another voucher and forwarded to the Treasury Department; bills of lading enclosed herewith.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 21, 1919.

J. H. Cautier & Co.,
Jersey City, N. J.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of August 14th offering to supply graphite goods to the Mint at New Orleans, I beg to say that since inviting you to bid this Bureau has been advised by the Assayer in Charge of the Mint at New Orleans that the cups he desires should correspond in size to what are known to him as Dixon No. 1. He also states that the stirrers should be 12 inches long, 1 inch wide, and taper down to from 1 to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.

Not being sure that you had bid upon these dimensions for the articles indicated, the information is supplied.

I have also to request that your bid be made in detail, giving the rate at which you wish to supply each of the articles, instead of naming a lump sum at which you will supply the invoice of goods.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

August 21, 1919.

Joseph Dixon Crucible Company
Jersey City, N. J.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 15th instant offering to supply certain graphite goods to the Mint, New Orleans, I beg to advise you that this Bureau has since been informed by the Assayer in Charge at New Orleans that the cups desired by him are the No. 1, and the stirrers bear no number but are 12 inches in length by 1 inch in width, and tapering in thickness from 1 to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch. Will you please advise me if this is the size cup and the size stirrers you have quoted upon.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 22, 1919.

Clendenin Brothers,
Clendenin Building,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm telephone communication of this date accepting your offer to supply the U. S. Mint, Denver, Colorado, with forty (40) tons of electrolytic copper, delivered to the Mint at the rate of $0.2355 per lb., and to thank you for the same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Aug. 22, 1919.

American Railway Express Co.,
119 West 19th St., New York.

Sir:

Herewith I am returning your bill No. B/5/399, $23.00, with the information that the first item, represented by B/L No.88682, is not payable by the Mint Service, and should be rendered on a separate voucher.

Attention is also invited to B/L No. 254614, which has not been accomplished.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Aug. 23, 1919.

Central R. R. of N. J.,
Pier 10, North River,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your file Pro2/9855/17 and bill No. 66068/19 for $7.10; I am returning herewith the certificate of shipment which accompanied your bill with request that it be supported by the correspondence and statement mentioned in paragraph 11 of instructions on reverse of the certificate of shipment - see items emphasized by blue pencil marks.

Your bill is being held in this office pending receipt of the above mentioned data.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 25, 1919.

Clendenin Brothers,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith blank form of voucher to be used in forwarding your account to the Superintendent of the Mint at Denver for copper purchased by this Bureau for delivery to the Denver Mint.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

August 25, 1919.

Hon. J. B. Aswell,
House of Representatives.

Dear Congressman Aswell:

Your letter of the 20th instant, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has by him been referred to this office for attention.

Replying to the inquiry of Miss Breda, whose letter was enclosed by you, I beg to say that the Government does not issue a list of coin dealers. No premium list is published by the Department, and no premium is paid for old coins. I regret that I am unable to assist you in the matter.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

August 25, 1919.

The Curator,
American Red Cross Museum,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 15th relative to the dies of the Borglum medals designed for the American Red Cross, I beg to advise you that the Mint at Philadelphia has one pair of the Borglum medal dies with inscription "American Red Cross Nutrality Humanity" 2-3/4 inches in diameter. Another pair, with inscription "First Aid" 1-9/16 inch diameter, together with die for top piece, was sent by the Mint to Bailey Banks and Biddle in 1913. It is understood that these dies are still in the possession of the firm named.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 25, 1919.

Mr. M. Oppenheimer
191 Pearl Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Your letter of the 18th instant, addressed to the President, has been referred to this Bureau.

Replying to your suggestion for the coinage of a half cent you are informed that an act of Congress would be required to authorize the coinage of another coin than those now in circulation.

Bills which have been introduced in Congress have failed of enactment.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Director of the Mint

Minor Coinage Metal Fund, Mint at Denver,

Clendenin Brothers,

Clendenin Building, Baltimore, Md.

August 22 9

. Mint, Denver, Colorado.

Electrolytic Copper, standard ingots, 40 tons $0.2455

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 25, 1919.

Hoskins Manufacturing Co.,
457 Lawton Avenue,
Detroit, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

I would thank you to supply your bulletins regarding muffle types of furnaces.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

FPD.

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

August 25, 1919.

Mr. H. N. Lawrie,
American Mining Congress,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 22nd instant I beg to advise you that you are correct in your understanding that the Mints pay the market price for silver, less the fraction. The official New York rate as announced each day in the daily press is the rate used.

The former practice, which was in vogue for many years, was to fix the price from time to time well under the current rate, one or two cents, and to change the rate only when the market moved appreciably. As the present practice of allowing the Mints to pay within a fraction of the price for silver delivered in New York is highly favorable to the western offices, the basis of complaint is not clear.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 25, 1919.

Miss Laura J. E. Triebl,
Government Hotel Building, EF,
Washington, D. C.

Miss:

Replying to your letter of the 19th instant I beg to advise you that no change in the personnel of this Bureau is under consideration, and no vacancy at present exists.

Respectfully,

F. M. Kelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

Washington, August 26, 1919.

Mr. Edward Loftus
Siamese Legation
Gloucester, Mass.

Arranging to undertake completion your order early in October. No finished coins on hand.

Baker

Director of Mint.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1920.

BUSINESS.
MENT RATES.
RGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ----------
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

August 26, 1919.

Mr. Channing MacFaden,
Emerson, Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 20 I beg to advise you that the Government is not recalling the Lincoln One Cent pieces bearing the initials of the designer, Mr. Victor D. Brenner. About 23,000,000 of them were placed in circulation.

Respectfully.

Director of the Mint.

August 26, 1919.

Mr. George A. Shea,
Arizona Pioneers' Home,
Prescott, Arizona.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 20th instant I regret that I am unable to advise you as to the value placed by collectors upon the continental money described. I would suggest that you address THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, New York City, the Secretary of that Society being one most likely to have the information you desire.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

August 26, 1919.

Mr. C. J. Hale
Burton, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 22nd instant I beg to say that no silver dollars have been coined since 1904.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

August 26, 1919.

The Auditor for the Treasury,
Treasury Department,

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith contract covering coal to be delivered to the United States Assay office at Seattle for the fiscal year 1920, which has been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

August 27, 1919.

The Chief of the Bureau
of Insular Affairs,
War Department.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has completed the manufacture of the dies for the Philippine coinage of 1920.

Will you please advise this Bureau if you wish to have the dies shipped with the coinage machinery which is to go forth between the 10th and 15th of September, or whether you prefer to have the dies shipped separately, and sent directly to the Treasurer of the Philippine Islands by express.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

Aug. 27, 1919.

Mr. F. L. Cooper, Editor,

The World Almanac, New York City.

Sir:

I beg to reply as follows to your letter of the 20th instant.

The U. S. silver production figures carried on page 429 of your 1919 Almanac for 1917 are preliminary figures. The final figures are 71,740,400 ounces, $59,078,100 value.

The 1918 value of 371¼ grains pure silver bullion was $0.80570.

The U. S. coinage for calendar year 1918 was - gold, none; silver, $25,473,029.00; minor $5,972,662.04; total $31,445,691.04.

The other data requested are not yet available.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

August 27, 1919.

Mr. Otis D. Nader,
109 East Main Street,
Circleville, Ohio.

Sir:

Your letter of the 19th instant, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, together with the package containing silverware, has been delivered to this Office.

As there is no Mint in Washington the package has been sent to the Assay Office of the United States at New York. The Superintendent of that institution will remit to you the value of the silver contained in the articles sent. Payment will be made by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

August 28, 1919.

Dr. S. J. Leasum,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 26th instant I beg to advise you that the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office, New York, will receive the dental scrap you have on hand, and pay for the same by check on the Treasurer of the United States, less the charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes. The material should be sent by mail or express prepaid.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Aug. 28, 1919.

Jos. Fahys & Co.,
54 Maiden Lane,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Your report to this office made in response to our request of Jan. 24, 1919, indicates receipt during the calendar year 1918 from Handy & Harman of 670,578 ounces of silver. This is opposite the designation "U. S. Coin" but I am inclined to think that it should be opposite the designation "U. S. Mint or Assay Office bars". Will you kindly advise me by return mail whether this silver consisted of U. S. coin and, if not, what its proper classification is.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

Aug. 28, 1919.

Mr. Srinivas R. Wagel,

25 Broad St., New York City.

Sir:

As you are probably aware, this office makes an estimate of the annual production and consumption of the precious metals, and has, for this purpose, the general cooperation of the producers, dealers, and consumers. The information received from them is used only in compiling aggregates and to avoid duplications, and is published only in aggregates.

Will you kindly favor us by indicating on the enclosed blank form (one copy to be retained for your files) the information requested, for the calendar year 1918, covering the bullion you may have furnished others for use in the industrial arts? Receipt of the information by this office, at an early date, will be much appreciated.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation,

I am

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

Aug. 28, 1919.

Messrs Zimmerman & Forshay,

11 Wall St., New York City.

Gentlemen:

On Jan. 24, 1919, this office made inquiry of bullion dealers and users concerning the use of gold and silver in the industries during the calendar year 1918. If a reply was received from you I have been unable to locate it and I am therefore enclosing herewith two copies of our blank form (one for your files) with request that you kindly favor us by indicating thereon the information requested, and return same at your earliest convenience.

This information is considered as confidential and is used only in compiling aggregates and to avoid duplications. The resulting statistics are of interest generally to the producers, dealers and consumers of gold and silver, as well as to financiers.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

August 26, 1919.

Mr. A. E. Cadman,
Statistician,
Canadian Export Paper Co. Ltd.,
Montreal, Canada.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th instant which has been referred to this Office by the Secretary of the Treasury.

This Department does not publish a pamphlet entitled "LATIN AMERICAN COINS AND THEIR EQUIVALENTS IN U. S. CURRENCY", but does, however, publish a circular each quarter giving the value of foreign coins including all the principal countries of the world. A copy of this circular is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

August 28, 1919.

Mr. H. R. Youngblood,
Stockton, California.

Sir:

Responding to your request of the 23rd instant I am enclosing herewith a copy of the circular issued by the Department on April 1st, 1919, giving the value of foreign coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

August 28, 1919.

Mr. L. L. Dill,
St. Charles, Minnesota.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the sample of ore sent by you in your letter of the 21st instant, together with money order. There is no institution under the Government in Washington where assays are made for the public. I would suggest that you forward a specimen to the Assay Office of the United States at Deadwood, S. D. The Assayer in Charge of that institution will be able to make determinations for gold and silver, and tungsten, but not for platimum. See enclosed card. I would also suggest that you send as much as ten times the amount in the sample returned herewith, it being impracticable to make a satisfactory determination with less material.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Director of the Mint

Contingent Expenses, Mint at New Orleans, 1920.

...s Crucible Company

Jersey City, N. J.

August 29 9

...r in Charge, U. S. Mint, New Orleans, La.

CRUCIBLES:	50	#4	50	$0.72	36 00
		#14	50	1.96	98 00
		#40	12	4.80	57 60
		#50	12	6.00	72 00
		#60	12	7.20	86 40
		#70	12	8.40	100 80
COVERS		#10	50	.30	15 00
		#14	50	.416	20.80
		#20	50	.416	20 80
		#30	50	.90	45 00
		#70	25	2.10	52 50
DIPPING CUPS			25	.75	18 75
STIRRERS			50	.35	17 50
					641 15
Less 1% cash					654 74
					634 74

P. McKelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 29, 1919.

J. H. Cautier & Co.,
Jersey City, N. J.

Gentlemen:

I beg to thank you for your offer of graphite goods to be supplied the Mint at New Orleans, and regret to be obliged to decline your offer, a lower one having been received.

Respectfully,

W. M. Peirce

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

Aug. 29, 1919.

Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce,
Department of Commerce, Washington.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your compilations of exports of silver I beg to invite attention to the following:

Table of exports from San Francisco, calendar year 1918, gives -
U. S. Mint and Assay Office silver bars - 58,365,239 oz.
Other silver bullion - - - - - - - - - - 155,187,008 oz.
Table of exports from San Francisco, fiscal year 1918-1919, gives -
U. S. Mint and Assay Office silver bars -107,781,919 oz.
Other silver bullion - - - - - - - - - - 114,485,565 oz.

From the records of the Treasury Department it is known that silver bullion resulting from the destruction of silver dollars was exported through the port of San Francisco to India, approximately as follows: - May and June 1918, 63 million ounces; July - Dec. 1918, 51 million ounces; Jan.-May, 1919, 68 million ounces; these figures give, for the calendar year 1918, 114 million ounces, and for the fiscal year, 119 million ounces. Comparison of these figures with those carried in your tables seems to indicate that part of this dollar-bullion was classed as Mint bars and part of it as non-mint bullion. Of course it is known that considerable quantities of both Mint bars and non-mint bars, in addition to the dollar-bullion mentioned, were exported through the port of San Francisco.

It is of consequence to this office, in using the export figures, to know how this dollar-bullion was classified in the export tables, and any information you may be able to give me at an early date concerning same will be much appreciated. This dollar-bullion originated at the Philadelphia and San Francisco Mints and New York Assay Office, and was handled by the American Railway Express Co.

Respectfully,

M. McReellus

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

E WRITTEN.

Washington, August 29, 1919.

Consul of Salvador
Salvador Consulate,
New York City.

Nickel coinage now being manufactured ready for

delivery September fifteenth.

O'Reilly

Acting Director Mint.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1920.

L BUSINESS.
ERNMENT RATES.
ARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

August 29, 1919.

Voland & Sons,
New Rochelle, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 27th instant offering to supply weights for the Mint at New Orleans, will you please advise me if your bid covers weight within the specifications of Class S, Bureau of Standards as to tolerance. This requirement should have been stated in my original letter asking you to bid.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 2, 1919.

Hon. Ira G. Hersey,
House of Representatives.

Dear Congressman Hersey:

Responding to your request of the 30th ultimo I have taken pleasure in forwarding to Mr. George D. Chase, University of Maine, Orono, Maine, a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1918.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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September 4, 1919.

The Chief of the Bureau of Insular Affairs,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of August 30, stating that you wish to have the dies for Philippine coinage made a part of the shipment which is to go forward September 10th, consisting of Mint machinery.

May I suggest that the dies be sent as a separate shipment, as, owing to the nature of the consignment, theft loss or disturbance might be the occasion of serious annoyance, if not trouble. I am taking the liberty of bringing the matter specially to your attention on account of the danger of having the dies lost or tampered with in any way.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

September 3, 1919.

Hon. George Huddleston,
House of Representatives.

Dear Congressman Huddleston:

Replying to your letter of September 2nd I beg to say that silver bullion is received at the Mints and Assay Offices of the United States and paid for by check on the Treasurer of the United States. The depositor can have the check cashed in silver coin by presenting it to a sub-treasury or a bank.

The market price of silver, which, as you know, changes every day, is paid for the metal.

The value of the silver in a silver dollar at the market price of silver on September 2 would be $0.878. The price of silver on September 2 was $1.13-5/8 per fine ounce. The coining value of an ounce of silver is $1.2929 .

In response to your request I am enclosing herewith a copy of the coinage laws.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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September 3, 1919.

Dear Dr. Kunz:

After a brief absence from my desk I have, upon my return, found your letter of the 22nd ultimo.

The gold held in the mints for coinage or certificate bars is made up of mass melts from miscellaneous sources. That which is received at the Assay Offices is in the form of unrefined bullion, and would not serve your purpose, I fear.

May I suggest that the American Smelting & Refining Company, with subsidiary institutions scattered over several states, might be able to procure for you the gold you desire, and be able to state that it came from different or individual States.

Regretting that the Mint establishments cannot serve you in this instance, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. George F. Kunz,
New York City.

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

Washington, Sept. 5, 1919.

Illustrated Daily News
25 City Hall Place, New York City.

Superintendent Assay Office New York authorized to permit photographing gold described.

Baker
Director Mint.

~~Sender Executive~~
Collect.

BUSINESS,
MENT RATES.
TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR _____
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

September 6, 1919.

Voland & Son,
New Rochelle, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

I am enclosing herewith formal order for gold assay weights for the Mint of the United States at New Orleans. It is understood that these weights are to be adjusted according to the tolerance of Class S, Bureau of Standards.

Please forward the weights to this Bureau. As soon as the certificate of the Bureau of Standards has been obtained by us you will be advised. The account should be forwarded to the United States Mint at New Orleans for payemtn.

Blank form of voucher is also enclosed herewith, upon which you are requested to render your account.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Encls.

Director of the Mint, Washington, D.C.

contingent expense, Mint at New Orleans 1920".

land & Sons,

New Rochelle, New York

September 6 9.

of the Mint, Treasury Department, Wash.D.C.

1	gold weight	1,000	points	5	00
1	"	"	500 "	3	50
1	"	"	200 "	2	50
1	"	"	100 "	1	75
1	"	"	50 "	1	25
1	"	"	20 "		95
1	"	"	10 "		95
				15	90

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 6, 1919.

Mr. C. P. Austin,
Statistician,
National City Bank,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of Sept. 3rd, I beg to state that the reports of the Director of the Mint, a file of which I have no doubt you have at your command in the library of the National City Bank, give the amount of gold produced in the United States and the amount used by the Mints in the calendar years up to and including 1917.

I am enclosed herewith a table giving the preliminary estimate of the production of gold in the United States during the calendar year 1918. Compilation of the final figures of the production and the figures covering the amount used in the arts in the calendar year 1918 ha not yet been completed. These figures will be ready sometime late in October.

No gold coin was manufactured at the Mint during the calendar year 1918. No estimate has been made covering the production in the United States for any part of the year 1919.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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September 6, 1919.

Mr. Tom. C. Mosher,
c/o Ritz Hotel,
Eddy & Taylor Sts.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of August 29th, I am forwarding under separate cover a copy of the report of the Director of the Mint for the year 1918.

Relative to your inquiry as to the physical characteristics of gold mined in Peru, South America, and in what way the gold mined there differs from that mined in California, I regret to say that we have no definite information.

Respectfully,

W. M. Gaskill

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

September 6, 1919.

Mr. V. Sydney Rothschild,
53 Church Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter or recent date, I beg to renew my personal appreciation for your interest in the matter of the coinage of a smaller coin than we have now in circulation.

The coins forwarded by you are returned herewith and you are advised that an Act of Congress would be required before the Mint could undertake the manufacture of a new coin.

Your letter has been placed on file and will be referred to in case legislation is undertaken.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

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Sept. 6, 1919.

Auditor for the
Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Herewith I am enclosing, duly approved, original of contract entered into by the United States Mint at San Francisco with the Western Foundry to furnish that institution with iron castings and iron moulds for the fis-cal year 1920.

Kindly acknowledge receipt and oblige.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Encl.

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September 6, 1919.

Mr. H. N. Lawrie, Chief,
Precious & Rare Metals Division,
The American Mining Congress,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of August 6th, in which you request information relative to the cost of manufacturing coins during a series of years, beg to submit the following:

Gold coins were manufactured in 1913 and 1915. None have been manufactured since. The average cost per thousand pieces, by denominations, for coining gold during those two years is as follows; Double Eagles $2.82, Eagles $1.95, Half Eagles $3.11, Quarter Eagles $4.29.

The average costs for manufacturing silver coins, per thousand pieces, of the following denominations for the years named were as follows; Half Dollars $13.97, Quarter Dollars $15.96, Dimes $17.98.

The copper alloy contained in $1,000 of gold amounts to 80.375 troy ounces or 5.51 avoirdupois pounds. The amount of copper contained in silver coins to the value of $1,000 amounts to 4.8375 troy ounces or .33 avoirdupois pounds.

Following are the average prices of copper during the years named;-

Year		
1913	.16-7/8	per av. lb.
1914	.13	" " "
1915	.20	" " "
1916	.29	" " "
1917	.23-1/2	" " "
1918	.26-4/20	" " "

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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September 6, 1919.

Mr. Victor D. Rosen,
Oakland, California.

Sir:-

I beg to advise you that there is no law which prohibits the use of coins in the manufacture of jewelry. I am enclosing herewith a copy of the Penal Code which covers the penalties attached to infractions of the law for the fraudulent mutilation and circulation of coin.

It is suggested that you consult your District Attorney in regard to the interpretation of this law as applied to specific cases, as that officer would be the one to prosecute any breach of the law.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Enclosure.

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

September 8, 1919.

Finance Department, (Dominion Government),
Ottawa, Ontario,
Canada.

Gentlemen:-

Will you kindly advise this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by the Government of Canada at the close of the calendar year 1918.

This information is desired for statistical purposes, and will be treated as confidential and used solely in the compilation of aggregates.

Assuring you of my appreciation of your cooperation in the matter, I am.

Very truly yours,

N. M. Rielly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 6, 1919.

Bank of Montreal,
Montreal, Canada.

Gentlemen:-

Will you kindly advise this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1918?

This information is desired for statistical purposes, and will be treated as confidential and used solely in the compilation of aggregates.

Assuring you of my appreciation of your cooperation in the matter and anticipating an early reply, I am,

Very truly yours,

N. N. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Sept. 9, 1919.

The Bank of Toronto,
Toronto, Canada.

Gentlemen:-

Will you kindly advise this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1918.

This information is desired for statistical purposes, and will be treated as confidential and used solely in the compilation of aggregates.

Assuring you of my appreciation of your cooperation in the matter and anticipating an early reply, I am,

Very truly yours,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F

F-L

Sept. 9, 1919.

The Bank of Nova Scotia,
Toronto, Ontario,
Canada.

Gentlemen:-

Will you kindly advise this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1918.

This information is desired for statistical purposes, and will be treated as confidential and used solely in the compilation of aggregates.

Assuring you of my appreciation of your co-operation in the matter and anticipating an early reply, I am,

Very truly yours,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Sept. 9, 1919.

The Molsons Bank,
Montreal, Canada.

Gentlemen:-

Will you kindly advise this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1918.

This information is desired for statistical purposes, and will be treated as confidential and used solely in the compilation of aggregates.

Assuring you of my appreciation of your co-operation in the matter and anticipating an early reply, I am,

Very truly yours,

M M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Sept. 9, 1919.

Banque National,
Quebec, Canada.

Gentlemen:-

Will you kindly advise this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1918.

This information is desired for statistical purposes, and will be treated as confidential and used solely in the compilation of aggregates.

Assuring you of my appreciation of your cooperation in the matter and anticipating an early reply, I am,

Very truly yours,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Sept. 9, 1919.

The Merchants' Bank of Canada,
Montreal, Canada.

Gentlemen:-

Will you kindly advise this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1918.

This information is desired for statistical purposes, and will be treated as confidential and used solely in the compilation of aggregates.

Assuring you of my appreciation of your co-operation in the matter and anticipating an early reply, I am,

Very truly yours,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Sept. 9, 1919.

Banque Provinciale du Canada,
Montreal, Quebec,
Canada.

Gentlemen:-

Will you kindly advise this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1918.

This information is desired for statistical purposes, and will be treated as confidential and used solely in the compilation of aggregates.

Assuring you of my appreciation of your cooperation in the matter and anticipating an early reply, I am,

Very truly yours,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

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Sept. 9, 1919.

Union Bank of Canada,
Winnipeg, Manitoba,
Canada.

Gentlemen:-

Will you kindly advise this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1918.

This information is desired for statistical purposes, and will be treated as confidential and used solely in the compilation of aggregates.

Assuring you of my appreciation of your co-operation in the matter and anticipating an early reply, I am,

Very truly yours,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

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Sept. 9, 1919.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce,
Toronto, Canada.

Gentlemen:-

Will you kindly advise this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1918.

This information is desired for statistical purposes, and will be treated as confidential and used solely in the compilation of aggregates.

Assuring you of my appreciation of your co-operation in the matter and anticipating an early reply, I am,

Very truly yours,

W. W. O'Reilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

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Sept. 9, 1919.

The Royal Bank of Canada,
Montreal, Canada.

Gentlemen:-

Will you kindly advise this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1918.

This information is desired for statistical purposes, and will be treated as confidential and used solely in the compilation of aggregates.

Assuring you of my appreciation of your co-operation in the matter and anticipating an early reply, I am,

Very truly yours,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

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Sept. 9, 1919.

The Dominion Bank,
Toronto, Canada.

Gentlemen:-

Will you kindly advise this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1918.

This information is desired for statistical purposes, and will be treated as confidential and used solely in the compilation of aggregates.

Assuring you of my appreciation of your co-operation in the matter and anticipating an early reply, I am,

Very truly yours,

M. D. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

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Sept. 9, 1919.

Banque d'Hochelaga,
Montreal, Canada.

Gentlemen:-

Will you kindly advise this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1918.

This information is desired for statistical purposes, and will be treated as confidential and used solely in the compilation of aggregates.

Assuring you of my appreciation of your cooperation in the matter and anticipating an early reply, I am,

Very truly yours,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

Sept. 9, 1919.

The Standard Bank of Canada,
Toronto, Ontario,
Canada.

Gentlemen:-

Will you kindly advise this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1918.

This information is desired for statistical purposes, and will be treated as confidential and used solely in the compilation of aggregates.

Assuring you of my appreciation of your cooperation in the matter and anticipating an early reply, I am,

Very truly yours,

W. W. O'Neil

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

Sept. 9, 1919.

Bank of Hamilton,
Hamilton, Ontario,
Canada.

Gentlemen:-

Will you kindly advise this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1918.

This information is desired for statistical purposes, and will be treated as confidential and used solely in the compilation of aggregates.

Assuring you of my appreciation of your cooperation in the matter and anticipating an early reply, I am,

Very truly yours,

W. M. Rand.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Sept. 9, 1919.

The Bank of Ottawa,
Ottawa, Ontario,
Canada.

Gentlemen:-

Will you kindly advise this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1918.

This information is desired for statistical purposes, and will be treated as confidential and used solely in the compilation of aggregates.

Assuring you of my appreciation of your cooperation in the matter and anticipating an early reply, I am,

Very truly yours,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Sept. 9, 1919.

The Imperial Bank of Canada,
Toronto, Canada.

Gentlemen:-

Will you kindly advise this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1918.

This information is desired for statistical purposes, and will be treated as confidential and used solely in the compilation of aggregates.

Assuring you of my appreciation of your cooperation in the matter and anticipating an early reply, I am,

Very truly yours,

W. M. Wisbach

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

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Sept. 9, 1919.

The Home Bank of Canada,
Toronto, Canada.

Gentlemen:-

Will you kindly advise this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1918.

This information is desired for statistical purposes and will be treated as confidential and used solely in the compilation of aggregates.

Assuring you of my appreciation of your co-operation in the matter and anticipating an early reply, I am,

Very truly yours,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

Sept. 9, 1919.

The Northern Crown Bank,
Winnipeg, Canada.

Gentlemen:-

Will you kindly advise this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1918.

This information is desired for statistical purposes, and will be treated as confidential and used solely in the compilation of aggregates.

Assuring you of my appreciation of your co-operation in the matter and anticipating an early reply, I am,

Very truly yours,

M. M. O'R.

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

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Sept. 9, 1919.

The Sterling Bank of Canada,
Toronto, Canada.

Gentlemen:-

Will you kindly advise this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1918.

This information is desired for statistical purposes, and will be treated as confidential and used solely in the compilation of aggregates.

Assuring you of my appreciation of your co-operation in the matter and anticipating an early reply, I am,

Very truly yours,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-D

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Sept. 9, 1919.

Bank of British North America,
Montreal, Canada.

Gentlemen:-

Will you kindly advise this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1918.

This information is desired for statistical purposes, and will be treated as confidential and used solely in the compilation of aggregates.

Assuring you of my appreciation of your cooperation in the matter and anticipating an early reply, I am,

Very truly yours,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

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Sept. 9, 1919.

Weyburn Security Bank,
Assiniboia, Saskatchewan,
Canada.

Gentlemen:-

Will you kindly advise this office as to the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1918.

This information is desired for statistical purposes, and will be treated as confidential and used solely in the compilation of aggregates.

Assuring you of my appreciation of your co-operation in the matter and anticipating an early reply, I am,

Very truly yours,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

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Sept. 9, 1919.

Mrs. J. H. Hammond, President,
Woman's Roosevelt Memorial Ass'n.,
1 East 57th Street,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Madam:-

Your letter of August 28th addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau. The letter has been read with deep interest and the suggestion made therein much appreciated.

We are, however, subject to the will of Congress in regard to the issuing of a coin of another denomination than those now in circulation. Without that authority we cannot undertake preparation of a new coin.

Should further endeavor be made in this respect, yourletter will be referred to with great pleasure.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

Sept. 9, 1919.

Mr. T. L. Carman,
Equitable Building,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

Your letter of September 4th addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury was this day referred to this Bureau for attention.

Replying I regret to advise you that this department does not keep a record of the rate of exchange of foreign countries other than on London. The rate on London is recorded in order to follow the silver market.

Regretting that we cannot serve you by sending you the rates of the franc during the period indicated, I am,

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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Sept. 9, 1919.

Boulter Mfg. Company,
234 N. 23rd Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:-

Will you be kind enough to forward to this Bureau a copy of your letter offering to supply muffles, packing and front stoppers to this Bureau. The letter is needed to complete your account and upon its receipt the payment of your bill will be expedited.

I regret that we have to trouble you for this copy, but the original has been mislaid in this Bureau.

Respectfully,

M M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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Sept. 9, 1919.

Mr. S. Alexander,
709 Houston St.,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Sir:-

I am returning herewith the coin enclosed in your letter of the 2nd inst., and beg to state that the opinion of this office is that the coin is genuine.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Enclosure.

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

September 11, 1919.

Mr. R. H. MacMichael,
Vice President,
Dexter Horton National Bank,
Seattle, Washington.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 5th instmt the following information is submitted;-

1. China coins a silver dollar called the YUAN. Its weight is 373.0069 grains in pure silver. The value of the piece at to-day's market price for silver would be 87 cents.

2. I am enclosing a table giving the highest, lowest and average price of silver for a series of years.

3. Silver was quoted at $1.12 per fine ounce on September 10. This rate, as you know, changes daily.

4. The value of silver in a silver dollar at the rate of silver above quoted, $1.12 per fine ounce, would be 86 cents.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Sept. 11, 1919.

Norton Company,
Worcester, Mass.

Gentlemen:-

I would thank you to send your pamphlet of alundum and cri[illegible]tolon[illegible] cements.

Respectfully,

W M Kelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

D-L

Sept. 11, 1919.

Wm. J. Gravert, Inc.,
246 Jackson Avenue,
Long Island City, N.Y.

Sir:-

I would thank you to send your literature regarding the properties and use of your "Volcano Cement".

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

D-L

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Sept. 11, 1919.

Director,
Bureau of Mines,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I would thank you to supply this office with two copies of your Bulletin 126 on fusibility of coal ash.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

D-L

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Sept. 11, 1919.

Quigley Furnace Specialties Co. Inc.,
26 Cortland Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

I would thank you to send your literature regarding the properties and use of your "Hytempite Cement".

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

D-L

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Sept. 11, 1919.

Pennsylvania Railroad,
Eastern Lines,
Broad St. Station,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:-

Herewith I am returning your bill No. 518/537 in amount $379.48 with supporting transportation requests, attention invited to the first item. Transportation charges on this item shown on the bill are $180.76, while the amount indicated on face of corresponding transportation request appears to be $162.69. It is also noted that the relation between the amount charged for transportation from Philadelphia to San Francisco and New York to San Francisco is apparently not consistent, there being a difference of some $13.00.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L
Encl

Sept. 11, 1919.

United States Employees
Compensation Commission,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

Herewith I am forwarding copies of three vouchers paid by Mint Service disbursing officers for materials to be used for the welfare of employees, namely, gauze for masks used in the influenza epidemic last year and liquid preparation to prevent injurious effects to the eyes of acids.

The Auditor for the Treasury Department has disallowed these vouchers as being not payable from Mint Service appropriations and retains the originals on file in his office.

Vouchers in favor of the Owl Drug Company for $6.45 and $1.65 total $8.10 were paid by T.W.H.Shanahan, Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint and disallowed by the Auditor in settlement No. 10768, dated August 2, 1919, while the voucher in favor of the Scholtz Drug Company for $1.50 was paid by Thos. Annear, Superintendent of the United States Mint at Denver and disallowed by the Auditor in settlement No. 10672, dated June 19, 1919. It is understood that material such as these may be procured and paid from an appropriation under the jurisidction of the Employees Compensation Commission and I have therefore to request that steps be taken for reimbursement of the disbursing officers mentioned for the amounts paid by them.

If arrangements cannot be made with the Auditor for the Treasury Department by which the matter may be handled through transfer of appropriations, it is suggested that payment be made to the disbursing officers in question in which case they will be called upon to repay the amounts into the Treasury to the credit of their appropriations.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure
F-L

Sept. 11, 1919.

American Railway Express Co.,
119 West 19th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Herewith I am returning two of your vouchers for transportation of silver coin as the charges carried thereon are evidently erroneous.

On bill No. E7230 in amount $1.6., the charges according to your schedule "U" for this service should evidently be $2.58.

On bill No. E7232 in amount $7.26, special rate of $7.73 per thousand dollars, given under date of March 15, 1917, should evidently be applied.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosures.
F-L

Sept. 11, 1919.

Auditor for the
Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

With reference to letter of this office dated July 9, 1919 and your reply of August 6th concerning certain excess charges for transportation of Messrs Meredith and Sklarz, I beg to advise that the amount of the excess charges, $35.15 in case of Mr. Meredith and $37.88 in case of Mr. Sklarz, total $73.03, has been covered into the Treasury by certificate of deposit No. 14857, dated August 25, 1919, duplicate herewith. This sum of $73.03 has been placed to the credit of the appropriation "Contingent expense, Office of the Director of the Mint 1918", but without personal credit.

It is understood that the vouchers on which these excess charges appear may now be settled in favor of the transportation companies.

Respectfully,

W. M. Hall

Acting Director of the Mint.

E-L
Enclosure.

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Sept. 11, 1919.

Mr. M. Rose,
White House,
Smith County,
Texas.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of the material and money order forwarded with your letter of recent date. As there is no Assay Office in Washington, under the government, where ore is assayed for the public, I have forwarded your material and money to the Assayer in Charge of the United States Mint at New Orleans, who will advise you further in regard to same.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Sept. 11, 1919.

Miss Phoebe Mink,
500-9th Avenue,
Astoria, L. I.,
New York.

Madam:-

Herewith I am returning the piece enclosed in your letter of the 8th instant, with the information that it cannot be redeemed as it is mutilated.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Enclosure.

September 11, 1919.

The Third Assistant Postmaster General,
Post Office Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 9th instant in regard to your letter of May 26th, 1919, relative to the handling of bullion shipments from the Mint at Carson by the Postmaster at Carson, I beg to say that the Assayer in Charge of the Mint at Carson has been instructed to make arrangements for the delivery to the Post Office of the bullion to be shipped from time to time by mail.

The Assayer in Charge of the Mint at Carson died last November and his successor has taken over the Mint only this week, hence the delay in adjusting this matter.

Respectfully,

W. M. McPhail

Acting Director of the Mint.

Sept. 11, 1919.

Mr. John Scully,
Zimmermann & Forshay,
11 Wall Street,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Scully:-

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter addressed on August 28th to Zimmermann & Forshay relative to gold and silver statistics. As this was the second inquiry and no reply has been received we are assuming that the matter was overlooked or perhaps reached your desk in your absence. In any event will you be kind enough to advise me if it would be practicable for you to make reply as we are holding our tables unfinished pending information from you.

Respectfully,

Wm M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Enclosure.

Sept. 12, 1919.

The Morning Telegraph,
20 Broad Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of September 9th, I beg to advise you that the report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1919 will not be ready for publication until sometime in November.

Your name has been placed on the mailing list for a copy as soon as it is published.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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Sept. 15, 1919.

Mr. W.T.Fitzpatrick,
General Manager,
Evans Dollar Pen Co.,
Waterloo, Iowa.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of September 12th, I beg to advise you that the establishments of the Mint Service do not purchase bullion in the form of sweeps.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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Sept. 15, 1919.

Borden's Condensed Milk Co.,
108 Hudson Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of Sept. 8th, I beg to advise you that duplicates of lost medals have been issued by the Philadelphia Mint, but before issuing such a duplicate medal the mint should be furnished with satisfactory evidence that the original medal was awarded the New York Condensed Milk Company.

It is requested that if a duplicate medal is desired you forward the diploma issued to the New York Condensed Milk Company together with the cost of the medal, which will be $2.00, to the United States Mint at Philadelphia. The diploma will be returned with the medal.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

Sept. 16, 1919.

W. J. Gravert Inc.,
Long Island City,
New York.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to yours of the 15th:- We desire a high temperature cement for a special purpose aside from our regular repair work and would be glad to have you submit a sample of your volcano cement for testing.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

D-L

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September 16, 1919.

Chief,
Bureau of Standards,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith a set of weights intended for the use of the United States Mint at New Orleans. Will you please cause the same to be tested and the result of your test reported to this Bureau.

Voland & Sons were advised that it was understood the weights were to be adjusted accordance to the tolerance of Class S, Bureau of Standards.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Director of the Mint, Washington, D.C.

"Contingent expense, Office of the Director of the Mint 1920".

Sept. 16, 9.

...all Bros.,
823 H St. N.E., Washington, D.C.

...ector of the Mint, Treasury Department.

Acid, nitric

C. p., sp. gr. 1.42; in 7-pound bottles,

10 bottles to the case; Baker & Adamson's 70 lb. 18 12 60

12 60

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Sept. 18, 1919.

Messrs. Zimmermann & Forshay,
11 Wall Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

With reference to the enclosed statement of gold and silver issued for use in the arts during the calendar year 1918, it is noted that the material reported by you is all stated opposite the classification "United States Mint or Assay Office Bars".

It is thought that not all of the material was obtained from the Mint Service, as the quantity of silver bars issued by the Service during the calendar year 1918 was comparatively small.

It is essential for the purpose of this office that we should know the approximate classification of the material as indicated in the first column of the enclosed form. If you prefer to not give the names of dealers and approximate quantity received from each, this information may be omitted as the essential information for us is that carried in the first column "Class".

If you will kindly give us further detail concerning this, the favor will be much appreciated.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Enclosure.

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September 18, 1919.

Christian Becker,
New Rochelle,
New York.

Sir:-

I would thank you to bid on supplying 10 one milligram weights to conform to classification S of the Bureau of Standards.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

D-L

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Sept. 18, 1919.

Auditor of Miscellaneous Accts.,
Union Pacific Railroad,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter, No. MA-26-146 of the 11th inst., concerning your bill No. 34866, in amount $12.18, I beg to advise that said bill was forwarded to the Auditor for the Treasury Department for settlement on May 7, 1919.

This bill has not yet been acted upon by the Auditor, for the reason that they are considerably behind in their work. I am advised that the accounts are being settled in the order in which received and that you will doubtless receive notice in due time as to the action on your accounts.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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F-L

Sept. 18, 1919.

Mr. F. L. Shipman,
48 Central Street,
Andover, Mass.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of September 9th, I beg to advise that the letters "V.D.B.", are the initials of the engraver of the design on the Lincoln one cent pieces - Mr. Victor D. Brenner.

About twenty three million of these one cent pieces were placed in circulation before it was decided to discontinue placing the initials of the engraver upon the cent. These coins are not above face value to collectors.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

Sept. 16, 1919.

Director,
Bureau of Mines,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

The two copies of Bulletin 129 have been received with thanks.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

D-L

Sept. 19, 1919.

Mr. Thomas F. Woodlock,
Asst. to Vice President,
American International Corp.,
120 Broadway, New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 11th enclosing proof pages of staff bulletin of the American International Corporation.

Herewith I am enclosing a copy of a pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World" together with a copy of the circular "Value of Foreign Coins". This circular is issued at the beginning of each quarter and gives the intrinsic value of the unit of each country named.

I would refer you to the fineness as carried by the pamphlet Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World, in regard to the fineness of the Newfoundland dollar, which differs from yours, and may account for the difference in valuation.

The circular "Value of Foreign Coins" gives the value of the gold content of the Brazilian milreis.

The pamphlet Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World gives some information which may be of interest to you in regard to the kuping tael.

The circular "Value of Foreign Coins" gives the relation of the gold unit to exchange. A copy of this circular, enclosed herewith, may make this subject clearer. (Refers to Colombia.)

I am returning the proof sheets of the bulletin and beg to assure you it will be a very great pleasure to this Bureau to be of any service whatever.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Enclosures.

Sept. 19, 1919.

Dear Senator Pittman:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 18th, addressed to the Director, enclosing a copy of a telegram received from the Nevada Mine Operators Association, relative to procuring of fine silver at the San Francisco Mint.

The Director is absent from the city, but in anticipation of his return, I beg to advise you that the condition of the San Francisco Mint is this; that there is no fine silver on hand. Depositors of silver are required, consequently, to await the return of fine bars in payment for deposits, until the silver deposited can be sent through the refinery.

As long as we have fine silver bars on hand it can be paid out immediately upon the determination of the value of the silver bullion contained in deposits. We use it for that purpose. As the stock of fine silver at the San Francisco Mint is exhausted there is no alternative for depositors but to wait until their silver can be refined. This is the procedure which is now necessarily being followed at the San Francisco Mint.

Every effort is made to avoid delay in the return of fine silver for silver deposited.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Honorable Key Pittman,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

O-L

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Sept. 19, 1919.

Mr. Thomas F. Woodlock,
Asst. to Vice President,
American International Corp.,
120 Broadway, New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of Sept. 17th, relative to the transcript which you had forwarded of the bulletin on "foreign exchange".

The delay in answering the original letter was due to the fact that it had been forwarded to the Director of the Mint, who is out of the city on his vacation. As soon as it was returned to this Bureau a reply was prepared and the same was forwarded to you just previous to receiving your letter of September 17th.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Director of the Mint, Washington, D.C.

"Contingent expense, Office of the Director of the Mint 1920".

Norton Co.,

Worcester, Mass.

Sept. 19 9.

r of the Mint, Treasury Department, Wash. D.C.

10-lb bag Refractory Cement RA 555	10	lb.	.24	2	40
				2	40

W. P. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Sept. 19, 1919.

Miss A. W. Archer,
101 North 6th St.,
Richmond, Virginia.

Madam:-

Your letter of September 18th addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau.

Replying I beg to advise that we are subject to the will of Congress in regard to the issuing of a coin of another denomination than those now in circulation. Without that authority we cannot undertake preparation of a new coin.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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Sept. 19, 1919.

Mrs. A.N.Washington, Pres.,
National Society Daughters of America,
148 West 127th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Madam:-

Your letter of September 18th addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau.

Replying I beg to advise that we are subject to the will of Congress in regard to the issuing of a coin of another denomination than those now in circulation. Without that authority we cannot undertake preparation of a new coin.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

Sept. 19, 1919.

Electric Heating Apparatus Co.,
123-5 Sussex Avenue,
Newark, New Jersey.

Gentlemen:-

I would thank you to send your catalogue of laboratory furnaces.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

D-L

September 20, 1919.

Dr. Carlos Adolfo Urueta,
Envoy Extraordinary and
Minister Plenipotentiary,
Colombian Legation,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have the honor to address you in regard to a letter received by this Bureau from Huth & Co., East Coast Department, 30 Pine Street, New York, N.Y., referring to a letter addressed to you under date of Nov. 26, 1917, enclosing a copy of a letter received from the Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York, covering the cost of machinery to be used in connection with the Mint at Colombia.

Huth & Co. state they have made request to you for a copy of this letter and have been advised by you that no copy was retained by you. May I take the liberty of requesting that you advise this Bureau if you are willing that Huth & Co. should have a copy of the letter referred to? Will you please instruct this Bureau to that effect.

No action will be taken until your wishes in the matter are known to us.

For your information I am enclosing a copy of the letter in question.

Respectfully,

D. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.
O-L

Sept. 20, 1919.

Mrs. R. H. May,
110 E. Pine Street,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Madam:-

Your letter of September 18th addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

Replying I beg to advise that we are subject to the will of Congress in regard to the issuing of a coin of another denomination than those now in circulation. Without that authority we cannot undertake preparation of a new coin.

Respectfully,

M. McReely

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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Sept. 20, 1919.

Mr. John F. Gaskell,
670 Ninth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

Your letter of September 18th addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

Replying I beg to advise that we are subject to the will of Congress in regard to the issuing of a coin of another denomination than those now in circulation. Without that authority we cannot undertake preparation of a new coin.

Respectfully,

M. McReady

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

Sept. 20, 1919.

Auditor for the
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Herewith I am returning bill of the Colorado & Southern Railroad, No. 3278, in amount $178.24, forwarded with your letter of the 18th instant, with the information that the bill covers transportation of one coining press made up of the parts stated on Bill of Lading. This coining press is to be used for stamping the designs on coins.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L
Enclosure.

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Sept. 20, 1919.

National City Bank,
Foreign Exchange Dept.,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

I am enclosing herewith copy of our circular "Value of Foreign Coins" issued July 1, 1919, with our usual request that you kindly revise column "remarks" to bring same down to date.

It will be appreciated if you can return the amended circular so as to reach this office by the 26th instant.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Enclosure.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

E WRITTEN:

Washington,

September 23, 1919.

Mr. Harry Coe, President,
Anglo & London Paris National Bank,
San Francisco, California.

Treasurer advises small balance dimes at Subtreasury. Suggest you apply there. Mint running as much overtime as possible endeavoring to overtake orders.

O'Reilly

Acting Director Mint.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1920.

IAL BUSINESS.
OVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ----------
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.
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Sept. 23, 1919.

Mr. Harry R. Wood,
178 Chapin Street,
Canandaigua, N.Y.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of September 22nd, I beg to advise that the pieces described therein are not coins, but so-called quarter dollars.

They were manufactured by private parties and their issue is illegal and has been supressed.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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September 24, 1919.

Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co.,
725-13th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

I am returning herewith the account rendered to me in the sum of $6.05. Will you please send a revised bill omitting the charge dated August 1st, from me to Mr. Baker at Narragansett Pier of $3.65, plus 10¢ war tax. The item against Mr. Baker should be charged to the Director of the Mint, Treasury Department, as official business.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Kelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.
O-L

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September 24, 1919.

The Yokohama Specie Bank Ltd.,
Equitable Building,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

In response to your request of Sept. 22nd, this office has taken pleasure in forwarding you a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the years 1913, 1914, 1916, 1917 and 1918. I regret that the edition of 1915 is entirely exhausted.

Your name has been placed on the mailing list for the forthcoming Report of the Director of the Mint, which will be forwarded you as soon as issued.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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September 24, 1919.

Mr. V. Sidney Rothchild,
Scarsdale Post Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 18th relative to a 2¢ piece. Your letter will be placed on file with previous correspondence from you, in connection with this subject, for reference, should legislation be undertaken.

Thanking you for your manifest interest, I am

Respectfully,

Th. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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September 24, 1919.

Farmers Bank of Cameron,
Cameron, Missouri.

Gentlemen;-

Replying to your letter of September 19th, addressed to the Treasury Department, I beg to advise you that the half dollar which has been mutilated cannot be redeemed. It has only bullion value, which would be approximately 35¢.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

September 25, 1919.

Huth & Company,
East Coast Dept.,
30 Pine Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

Responding to your request of September 16th, I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a copy of the letter forwarded to the Colombian Minister under date of November 26, 1917.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.
O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

September 25, 1919.

Mr. Henry Troemmer,
911 Arch Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of September 23rd offering to furnish this Bureau with 10 one milligram weights at $7.50 for the lot f.o.b. Philadelphia and guaranteed to pass the Inspection of the Bureau of Standards, I beg to request that you advise this Bureau of what material they are made.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

September 25, 1919.

Surgeon General,
Public Health Service,
3 B St. S. E.,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Herewith I am forwarding copies of three vouchers paid by Mint Service disbursing officers for materials to be used for the welfare of employees, namely, gauze for masks used in the influenza epidemic last year and liquid preparation to prevent injurious effects of acids on the eyes.

The Auditor for the Treasury Department has disallowed these vouchers as being not payable from Mint Service appropriations and retains the originals on file in his office.

Vouchers in favor of the Owl Drug Company for $6.45 and $1.65, total $8.10, were paid by T.W.H.Shanahan, Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint, and disallowed by the Auditor in settlement No. 10768, dated August 2, 1919, while the voucher in favor of the Scholtz Drug Company for $1.50 was paid by Thos. Annear, Superintendent of the United States Mint at Denver, and disallowed by the Auditor in settlement No. 10672, dated June 19, 1919. It is understood that materials such as these may be procured and paid from an appropriation under your jurisdiction and I have therefore to request that steps be taken for reimbursement of the disbursing officers mentioned for the amounts paid by them.

If arrangements cannot be made with the Auditor for the Treasury Department by which the matter may be handled through transfer of appropriations, it is suggested that payment be made to the disbursing officers in question in which case they will be called upon to repay the amounts into the Treasury to the credit of their appropriations.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L
Enclosure.

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Sept. 26, 1919.

Miss Florence N. Levy,
General Manager,
Art Alliance of America,
10 East 47th Street,
New York, N.Y.

Madam:-

In the temporary absence of the Director of the Mint, Mr. Raymond T. Baker, I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of Sept. 16th relative to Mr. Baker's letter of Sept. 3rd to Mrs. Hammond, which was forwarded to you.

Replying to your inquiry as to the qualifications necessary for the position of Medallist in the Mint at Philadelphia, I beg to submit the following:-

The candidate should have a knowledge of die and seal engraving; have a general knowledge of medallic art; miniature sculpture, and modeling in low relief; modern portraiture and emblematic designs including heads and figures from the antique.

The salary would be between $1,600 and $2,000, in accordance with the qualifications of the appointee.

Expressing for Mr. Baker his appreciation of your interest in the matter, and thanking you for any assistance you may be able to render us in finding a satisfactory candidate for this position, I am

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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September 26, 1919.

Miss Sarah E. Nock,
Accomac, Va.

Madam:-

Replying to your letter of September 24th, I regret to advise you that we are unable to inform you as to the coin you describe.

The Government does not issue any circular or pamphlet covering the value of old coins.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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Sept. 25, 1919.

Mr. Mose P. Walker,
1062 Texas Avenue,
Shreveport, La.

Sir:-

I am returning herewith the package forwarded by you under recent date, containing Jewish Relief Stamps, and coins, with the information that we cannot receive the same.

Respectfully,

Wm. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

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September 26, 1919.

Mr. H. R. Wagner,
American Smelting & Refining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of September 24th, I beg to advise you that this office is without information in regard to new coinage of subsidiary coin by the French Government based on a greater mixture of alloys than the old coinage. Should we receive any official information on this subject we will be very glad to communicate with you.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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September 26, 1919.

Mr. Chase S. Osborn,
Sault De Sainte Marie,
Michigan.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 23rd, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, which has been forwarded by that officer to this Bureau for attention.

Replying to your first inquiry, I beg to state that in 1918 it was estimated that the world's stock of money was approximately nine billion dollars. This is the last estimate made by this department.

Gold coin, including bullion, in the Treasury on Sept. 1, 1919, amounted to $2,944-000,000.00.

The stock of gold in the world at the close of the year 1896 is estimated to have been $4,143,700,000.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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September 27, 1919.

Director,
Bureau of Mines,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I would thank you to supply this office with a copy of Bulletin 178-B nitrogen fixation and sodium cyanide and Tech. Paper 225 vapor pressure of lead chloride.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

D-L

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September 27, 1919.

American Railway Express Co.,
119 West 19th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Herewith I am enclosing your bills No. B/6/197 in amount $139.00 and B/5/406 in amount $27.30, covering cost of transporting minor coin across the city in Philadelphia.

It is noted that these bills carry charges at the rate of 7½ per hundred pounds and 10¢ for valuation. For some time past special rates for wagon service have been in effect, namely, graduated charge of from $3.00 to $13.00 per lot for lots of minor coin amounting to $5,000.00 or less; for lots of from $5,000 to $10,000., $2.60 per thousand dollars; and lots over $10,000., $2.50 per thousand dollars. Please advise me if these special rates have been discontinued, and if so date of discontinuation. If these special rates have not been discontinued please forward amended vouchers to take the place of those enclosed, also advise me if you wish us to change the amounts charged on other bills which have been rendered, some of which include charges for wagon service across Philadelphia, as well as items including train service.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reck

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

RITTEN: NIGHT MESSAGE

Washington,
September 27, 1919.

Honorable Raymond T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,
Lenox, Mass.

Demand for coinage continues. Moderate overdraft all mints dimes and cents. Text of report about ready for your inspection. Business of Bureau good condition.

O'Reilly

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1920.

BUSINESS.
MENT RATES.
E TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

September 29, 1919.

Mr. A. Benoit, President,
Benoit Construction Company,
Shreveport, La.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of September 26th requesting to be advised why there was no gold coined during the fiscal year 1918, I beg to state that the stock of gold coin on hand in the Treasury Department was sufficient for the purpose of the Government.

The Act of March 1911 permits the issue of gold certificates against gold bars. This law has the effect of economizing in the case of unnecessary gold coinage.

No gold coins have been manufactured since 1916.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

Sept. 29, 1919.

John Mackay & Co.,
Toronto General Trusts Bldg.,
85 Bay Street,
Toronto, Canada.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your request of Sept. 26th, I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a copy of the Table of Charges, covering the receipt of bullion at the Mints and Assay Offices.

Respectfully,

M. McKelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.
C-L

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Sept. 29, 1919.

Mr. Myrvin Davis,
Sandpoint, Idaho.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of September 23rd, I beg to advise you that the Act of July 9, 1917 authorized a slight modification of the design of the quarter dollars for the purpose of increasing the artistic merit of the coin.

Of the first of the two designs $3,065,000. were issued.

Since August 1917 all quarter dollars coined at the Mints are of the altered design, which is the one bearing the stars under the eagle.

While the one design is now being used in the manufacture of quarter dollars, both types of coin are legal.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

Director of the Mint, Washington, D.C.

"Contingent expense, Office of the Director of the Mint 1920".

ton Company,

Worcester, Mass.

September 29th 9

of the Mint, Treasury Dept., Wash. D.C.

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#7241 RA 320 dense				

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M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 29, 1913.

International Nickel Co.,
47 Exchange Place,
New York,
N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

I would thank you to supply information as to regular sizes of Monell metal plates or sheets that you carry in stock.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

D-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

September 30, 1919.

Mr. Wm. H. Smith,
616 McBride St.,
Syracuse, N.Y.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 28th enclosing an imperfect dime.

The Mint makes every effort to avoid allowing defective pieces to enter into circulation, but in manufacturing hundreds of thousands of pieces a day, occasionally one piece escapes the vigilance of those who are charged with the examination of coins.

Herewith I am enclosing a perfect dime in place of the one forwarded by you.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.
O-L

September 30, 1919.

American Railway Express Co.,
119 West 19th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

The enclosed Bill of Lading, No. T164972, supports an item of $68.45 charges for transportation of minor coin as a part of your Bill No. B/7-/144, in amount $1,822.57.

The charges represented by this Bill of Lading are not payable by the Mint Service and a separate bill should be rendered covering same and be forwarded to the Treasury Department.

The sum of $68.45 has been deducted from the total of your bill No. B/7/144, which has been approved for payment in the sum of $1,754.12 instead of $1,822.57 as rendered.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.
F-L

Director of the Mint, Wash.D.C.

"Contingent expense, Office of the Director of the Mint 1920".

land & Sons, Sept. 30th 9.

New Rochelle, New York.

r of the Mint, Treasury Dept., Wash.D.C.

10 single 1 mgrm. Alum weights	10	.35	3	60

3 / 60

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 1, 1919.

Mr. N.C.Brooks, Special Agent,
United States Treasury Dept.,
154 South Second Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

In the temporary absence of Mr. R. T. Baker, the Director of the Mint, I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 30th, enclosing a letter from Mr. John A. Corwine, relative to data in relation to Mr. David Rittenhouse.

The History of United States Mints by Evans, has a short biography of Mr. David Rittenhouse and also a steel engraving from the painting by C.W.Peale. The edition of the book referred to is that dated 1885. The book was published in Philadelphia by George G. Evans.

I am sure a copy of this book can be seen if you will call at the United States Mint at Philadelphia. If there is not a copy of this volume at the Mint, will you please advise me and a copy of the article contained in the volume in this Bureau will be forwarded to you.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Kelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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October 1, 1919.

Mr. Carl Pletz, City Editor,
Cincinnatier Volksblatt,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of September 29th, the following is submitted covering coinage of one cent pieces for the years indicated:-

	Pieces
1909	57,952,600
1914	140,236,600
1919	343,070,300

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

October 1, 1919.

Mr. H. N. Lawrie, Chief,
Precious and Rare Metals Division,
American Mining Congress,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of September 11th, I beg to say that my letter of September 6th was in error in using the word "pieces" instead of "dollars" in giving you the cost of manufacturing coins.

The cost of coinage has been carefully reviewed by the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia and I now submit the following as the average cost of manufacturing silver coins, per thousand dollars, of the following denominations:- Half Dollars, $13.97; Quarter Dollars, $15.96; Dimes, $17.98.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

C-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

October 2, 1919.

Mr. J. Sidell Brown,
Editor and Manager,
The Randolph Enterprise,.
213-3rd St., Elkins, W.Va.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of September 30th, I beg to advise you that no silver dollars have been coined since 1904. The silver purchasing clause of the Silver Act of July 14, 1890, was repealed Nov. 1, 1893. No authority now exists for the purchase of silver for the coinage of silver dollars.

The stock of silver dollars in the Treasury on September 1, 1919 amounted to $308,145,759. These silver dollars are available for ciculation at any time and are constantly being paid out upon demand.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 3, 1919.

Prof. F. W. Taussig,
Department of Economics,
Harvard University,
Cambridge, Mass.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of Sept. 30th, I take pleasure in forwarding herewith a copy of the Coinage Laws together with the Supplement, and also a copy of the Regulations Governing the Operations of the Mints and Assay Offices. Although we are not furnished with a supply of the Regulations for distribution this copy is gladly sent to you.

I am also enclosing a copy of the Table of Charges covering the receipt and payment for bullion at the Mints and Assay Offices.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosures.
O-L

October 8, 1919.

United States Guarantee Co.,
111 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letters of October 1st, I beg to submit the following:-

Edward A. Curran, formerly Melter in the United States Assay Office at New York, died December 28, 1919.

Henry F. Morgan, formerly Helper in the United States Assay Office at New York, died Jan. 29, 1919.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

Oct. 3, 1919.

Mr. B. Ellac Reynolds, Asst. Mgr.,
Mercantile Bank of the Americas, Inc.
44 Pine Street, New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of September 29th, I beg to state that the cost of preparing coinage for the Government of Nicaragua would be as follows:-

COINAGE COSTS:

100,000 nickel 5-centavo de Cordoba pieces
@ $4.00 per 1000, ---------- $400.00

200,000 bronze 1-centavo de Cordoba pieces
@ $2.20 per 1000, ---------- 440.00
$840.00

METAL REQUIRED:

2497.73 av. lbs. Electrolytic Copper 99.9% Copper Content
275.57 " " Screen Shot Nickel 99% Nickel Cobalt Contents
70.55 " " Straits or Electrolytic tin 99.9% pure
22.05 " " high grade zinc 99.9% pure

The above coinage costs include the working dies, the master dies being in the possession of the Philadelphia Mint.

Coinage costs do not include cost of metal, which must be furnished by the Government of Nicaragua, nor cost of containers necessary in shipping the coins.

The alloys and weights of the above coins are understood to be:

5-Centavo Nickel, weight 5 grams, 75% copper 25% nickel
1-Centavo Bronze, " 4 " 94¾% " 4% tin, 1¼% zinc

Ten kegs will be required in which to pack these coins for shipment, the present price of which is quoted at $2.10 each.

Sample coins will not be necessary as we have specimen coins in the Mint.

This coinage could not be undertaken until after the first of the coming year.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 3, 1919.

Clendenin Bros.,
Clendenin Bldg.,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:-

This office will receive bids until Tuesday, October 7th, at 2 o'clock, on the delivery of 40 tons of electrolytic copper ingots to the Mint Building, Denver.

Please note that the bid invited is that to cover delivery to the Mint Building.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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October 3, 1919.

Mrs. R.R.McKeown,
6828 Harper Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Madam:-

Replying to your letter of October 1st, I regret to advise that there are no one dollar gold pieces in the Treasury or in the Mints.

The coin collectors hold one dollar gold pieces at a small premium.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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October 3, 1919.

Dear Mr. Roberts:-

I am enclosing herewith copies of the Circulation Statement for July, August and September. The September statement carries the revised figures.

I am sorry your visit to St. Louis was not as comfortable for you as it was profitable to those who had the benefit of your counsel.

Sincerely,

M. D. O'Reilly

Hon. Geo. E. Roberts,
Vice-President,
National City Bank,
New York, N. Y.

Enclosure.

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October 8, 1919.

Mr. W. S. Watson,
731 Madison Street,
West New York, N.J.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of Sept. 30th, calling attention to error in the arrangement of this Bureau's report for 1917, which was repeated in the report for the fiscal year 1918, in regard to the headings on pages 122-3, relative to the coinage executed at Charlotte and Dahlonga.

The correction will be made in the forthcoming report, which is just about to be sent to the printer. This error had escaped the notice of this office and we are extremely grateful to you for calling attention to it.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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October 3, 1919.

Mr.J.McDougall, N.Y.Mgr.,
The Gold Fields American
Development Company, Ltd.
233 Broadway, N.Y.C.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of October 2nd, I am enclosing herewith a copy of the report of the committee appointed by Secretary McAdoo to investigate the conditions in the gold mining industry.

We have no copies of the reports of the American Gold Conference held in Reno in August. I suggest you make application to Hon. Emmet Boyle, Governor of Nevada, for a copy of this report.

Application should be made for a copy of the report of October 1918 made by the Committee appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, to the Chief Clerk, Interior Department, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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October 6, 1919.

Mr. C. H. Moore,
Director, Potomac Division,
Community Motion Picture Bureau,
712-13th Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of October 3rd, I beg to advise that this office has no knowledge of a 2¢ piece to be coined.

The execution of a coin of another denomination than those now in circulation requires an Act of Congress. No authority exists for the coinage of a 2¢ piece.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

C-L

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October 6, 1919.

Mr. J. W. Kern,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 2nd, relative to a proposed two cent piece.

The Department has not under consideration the coinage of a 2¢ piece and no coin of that denomination has been authorized by Congress.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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October 6, 1919.

John Mackay & Co.,
Toronto General Trusts Bldg.,
65, Bay Street,
Toronto, Canada.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of October 3rd, in reference to mine of the 29th ult., I beg to submit the following:

Gold bullion is purchased at the Mints and Assay Offices at the rate of $20.67 an ounce and paid for by check on the Treasurer of the United States . The value of the deposit is determined by melt and assay.

The amount of the charges imposed for the treatment of bullion depends upon the kind of bullion offered, as indicated in the Table of Charges, previously forwarded you. The charges are deducted from the value of the deposit before making payment by check.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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October 6, 1919.

Dr. Samuel Milbank,
110 East 35th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

I am returning herewith the dime enclosed in your letter of recent date and beg to advise that the same is genuine. This is the only design which is now being used in the manufacture of dimes.

I am very appreciative of the spirit which prompted you to forward the piece.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.
C-L

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October 6, 1919.

Mr. W. H. Rowan,
Raphine, Virginia.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of October 2nd, I beg to advise you that in 1902, $475,000. in Colombian half dollars were coined; in 1903, $2,025,000. in Colombian half dollars were coined.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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October 7, 1919.

Hon. Harry L. Gandy,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Gandy:-

I have your letter of October 1st, written in the interest of Mr. M. T. McCall, an employee of the Deadwood Assay Office.

Mr. McCall has been employed in the Assay Office at Deadwood since 1898 and is now carried as a Watchman. I regret that we have had no funds with which to pay Mr. McCall a higher rate of wage for the period covered by his service.

I would be very glad to increase Mr. McCall's compensation if the amount of the appropriation allowed to us for wages for the Deadwood Office would permit the same. Without these funds I am helpless to offer Mr. McCall more for the service he is rendering.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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October 7, 1919.

Miss Agnes Vobarnik,
915 Colcord Bldg.,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Madam:-

Replying to your letter of October 3rd, you are advised that there are two types of Buffalo nickels in circulation. The design now executed is that which has the words "five cents" brought into more distinct relief. This change was authorized in the design for the purpose of making the denomination more clearly evident.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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October 7, 1919.

Walker-Longfellow Co.,
Northampton & Albany Sts.,
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:-

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the table giving the production of gold and silver in the United States for the calendar year 1918. This table has just been completed.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.
C-L

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October 7, 1919.

United Metals Selling Co.,
42 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 6th offering to supply the Mint at Denver with copper at the rate of 23.5¢ per pound. A lower bid having been received your offer is respectfully declined.

Please accept my thanks for your courtesy in extending this offer.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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October 7, 1919.

American Metal Co. Ltd.
62 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of this date offering to supply the Mint at Denver with copper at the rate of 23.8¢ per pound. A lower bid having been received your offer is respectfully declined.

Please accept my thanks for your courtesy in extending this offer.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

October 7, 1919.

Mr. C. W. Wheelock,
2 Rector Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of October 6th, I am forwarding under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint, which gives all of the data obtainable for the last few years on foreign coinage.

I am also forwarding a copy of a pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World".

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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October 7, 1919.

Mr. Timothy Tripp,
c/o Hartley Silk Co. Inc.
Trumansburg, New York.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of October 3rd, I take pleasure in forwarding herewith copy of a pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World". This pamphlet indicates the alloy used in coins of different nations.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

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October 7, 1919.

Mr. Julius Aderer,
47 West 42nd Street,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of October 3rd, I beg to state that the United States Assay Office at New York is the institution that handles platinum for the Government. From time to time the Superintendent of that institution, when authorized by this Bureau, places platinum and palladium on the market.

Your letter has been forwarded to the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office with the request that he advise you when the metals named are to be offered.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

October 7, 1919.

Dear Mr. Roberts:-

I have your letter of the 6th, relative to the table showing the location of the monies at the latest available date, as shown on page 141 of the Mint Report for 1917.

We are waiting for figures from the Treasurer's Office to complete our table and expect to have them within a day or two. There can be no appreciable delay in the receipt of these figures because we are obliged to have our manuscript of the report within that time.

The moment the figures are received from the Treasurer a copy of the completed table will be forwarded to you.

Respectfully,

M. McReady

Hon. George E. Roberts,
Vice-President,
National City Bank,
New York, N.Y.

O-L

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Director of the Mint, Wash.D.C.

"Contingent expense, Mint at Denver 1920".

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Clendenin Bldg., Baltimore, Md.

ilding, Denver, Colorado.

40 tons electrolytic copper lb. .225

Director of the Mint.

October 8, 1919.

American Railway Express Co.,
119 West 19th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Herewith I am returning Bill of Lading No. T254614 pertaining to your bill No. B/5/309, in amount $19.98.

This Bill of Lading supports a charge of $4.06, but has not been accomplished by the Consignee, the Superintendent of the United States Mint at Denver. The Bill of Lading should also state more specifically the items transported.

Your bill above mentioned will be retained in this office pending receipt of completed Bill of Lading.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.
F-L

October 9, 1919.

Director,
Bureau of Mines,
Interior Dept.,
Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of Bulletin 178-B and Technical Paper 225, a copy of which you were kind enough to send to this Bureau, and thankyou for your courtesy in the matter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

October 10, 1919.

Mr. E. Cross,
Main Street,
Hopkinton, Mass.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 4th instant, forwarding ore for assay and $2.00 to cover the charges thereof.

Replying I beg to advise you that there is no institution in Washington, under the Government, where assays are made for the public and I have therefore forwarded the ore with the $2.00 to the Assayer in Charge of the United States Mint at New Orleans, who will make report to you.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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October 10, 1919.

Mr. B. I. Whiting,
Union Carbide Company,
Sault Ste. Marie,
Michigan.

Sir:-

Responding to your request of October 7th, there is being forwarded you under separate cover a copy of the last Annual Report of the Director of the Mint.

The report for the calendar year 1918 is now in the hands of the printer and as soon as that is received a copy will be forwarded to you.

Am also forwarding under separate cover, a copy of the circular "Value of Foreign Coins", and a copy of the circular entitled "Information Relating to Coins and Medals".

The booklet entitled "Guide to the Numismatic Collection of the Mint at Philadelphia is for sale by the Public Printer at 10¢ a copy. I regret that we have none of these for gratuitous distribution.

Respectfully,

R. M. McReely

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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October 10, 1919.

Mr. E. M. Talcott,
New Commercial Bank Bldg.,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith the list of old coins left by you a few days ago, together with a reply received this day, from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia.

I regret that the reply is not more favorable.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Enclosures.

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October 10, 1919.

Mr. Ed. O. Lamb,
River Road & Clark Ave.,
Toledo, Ohio.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of October 6th, I beg to state that the "ridge" about a coin is placed there for the purpose of extending the life of the design of the coin.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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October 10, 1919.

Director,
Bureau of Standards,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith a set of weights to be used by this Bureau.

Will you please cause the same to be tested to determine whether they come up to the specifications of Class S, Bureau of Standards.

Respectfully,

F. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.
C-L

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October 10, 1919.

Mr. F. E. Cooper,
Room 1605,
Pulitzer Bldg.,
Park Row, N.Y.C.

Sir,-

Replying to your letter of October 7th, I beg to state that this Bureau is now compiling the report of the production of gold and silver in the world for 1918. We will take pleasure in forwarding you a copy as soon as the tables are ready.

The Report of the Director of the Mint will also carry the latest data we have been able to procure on the coinage of nations, which will be forwarded to you at the earliest practicable date.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

C-L

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October 14, 1919.

Mr. C. W. Wheelock,
2 Rector St.,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of October 11th, I regret to advise you that we have no information, in addition to that already sent you, in regard to coinage of foreign countries.

The Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1919 is now in the hands of the printer. As soon as that is ready for issue a copy will be sent to you. That report will carry all of the latest information we have covering foreign coinages.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Q-L

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October 14, 1919.

Mr. Jno. A. Powers,
509-2nd Street N.E.,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of October 13th, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, I beg to advise you that the coinage mints are located at Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco.

The Mint at New Orleans and the Mint at Carson, although still holding the title of "Mint", are operated as Assay Offices.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-E

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October 14, 1919.

Central National Bank,
St. Petersburg,
Florida.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of October 11th, I beg to advise you that no authority exists for the coinage of a two cent piece.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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October 14, 1919.

Texas State Bank,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of October 9th, I beg to advise you that no regular one dollar gold pieces have been coined since 1889.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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October 14, 1919.

Mr. Wallie Hoult,
Chrisman, Illinois.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of October 10th, I beg to advise you that the one cent piece bearing the Indian Head was first coined in 1859 and was designed by Mr. Longacre.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

October 15, 1913.

Western Union Telegraph Co.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

Herewith I am returning copy of a "collect" message from San Francisco to Washington, which supports a charge of 48¢ on your bill No. 2861 for August 1913, in amount $4.45, against the Director of the Mint.

Although this message is marked "collect" the charge on the message is payable in San Francisco by the Superintendent of the Mint and the matter of its payment should be taken up with that official.

The amount of 48¢ has been deducted from your bill No. 2861.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.
F-L

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October 15, 1910.

Roessel, Duval & Co.,
26-32 Broad Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter WRS:CD of October 14th relative to Coin Planchets, I beg to advise you that the United States Mints manufacture the planchets from which coins are made. The Mints also prepare blank discs for foreign coinages.

It would be impossible for us to quote you the data you ask for without knowing the denominations of the coins it is proposed to have manufactured, the metal from which they are to be manufactured and the country for which they are to be prepared.

If you will forward this information to this Bureau we will be glad to quote you charges for having these planchets made at the United States Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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Director of the Mint, Washington, D.C.

"Contingent expense, Office of the Director of the Mint 1920".

Mines Handbook, October 15th 9.

29 Broadway, New York, N.Y.

ctor of the Mint, Treasury Department, Wash. D.C.

Mines Handbook, Volume XIV 10 00

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Director of the Mint.

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October 15, 1919.

Mr. B. F. Hayes Jr.,
Battle Creek,
Nebraska.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of October 9th, I beg to advise you that the quarter dollar described by you is one of the type issued when the design of the quarter dollar was changed in 1917.

Congress authorized a slight modification of the design to improve the artistic appearance of the coin. The second type has the three stars under the eagle. There are several millions of the first type in circulation and they have no special value above their face value.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

October 15, 1919.

Mr. J. Arthur McMahon,
172 Clairmount Avenue,
Detroit, Michigan.

Sir:-

I am returning herewith the photographs enclosed in your letters of recent date, addressed to the Mint and to the Department. Both letters have reached this Bureau.

You are advised that 19,570 silver dollars were coined in 1804. I am unable to advise what numismatists or coin collectors would pay for these pieces and suggest that you address a letter to the American Numismatic Society, New York City.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosures.
C-L

October 15, 1919.

Mr. Gilbert T. McCormick,
1019 Mellon Street,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sir:-

Your letter addressed to the Interior Department has been forwarded to this Bureau for attention. Replying I take pleasure in forwarding under separate cover a copy of the report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1918. This report gives all of the information the department has at hand on the gold and silver production of Nicaragua.

Your name has been placed on the mailing list for a copy of the report for 1919, which will be issued some time in December.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

October 17, 1919.

Miss Hortense Metcalfe,
604 West 6th Street,
Delphos, Ohio.

Madam:-

Replying to your letter of October 14th, you are informed that there are three coinage mints located at San Francisco, Denver and Philadelphia.

The Mint at New Orleans and the Mint at Carson, while bearing that title, are used only as assay offices. There are, therefore, only three mints in the United States were coins are made.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 425

October 17, 1919.

Mr. Edwin D. Wolfe,
744 Kohl Building,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of Oct. 11th, and take pleasure in advising that the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1919 is now in the hands of the printer. As soon as it is received a copy will be forwarded you.

We are not allowed to forward advance sheets in anticipation of the issue of the report of the Secretary of the Treasury.

I am forwarding herewith a copy of the pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World" in accordance with your request for the same.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 17, 1919.

Mr. C. B. Bellois,
16 North Second St.,
Wilmington, N.C.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of October 15th, you are advised that the United States Assay Office at New York will received old gold and silver in quantities approximating $100.00 in value and over, paying for the same by check on the Treasurer of the United States after nominal charges for determining the value of the deposit, by melt and assay, have been deducted therefrom.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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October 17, 1919.

Mrs. Boyd Nevin,
245 Munty Street,
Hillsboro, Ohio.

Madam:-

I beg to submit the following in reply to your inquiry of the 9th instant that you be advised of the number of dimes coined at the different mints during the year 1894:-

Coinage of dimes in 1894	
Philadelphia	$133,097.20
San Francisco	2.40
New Orleans	72,000.00
Total	$205,099.60

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 17, 1919.

American Railway Express Co.,
119 West 19th Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

Herewith I am returning your bill No. 5/9/81, in amount 82¢, accompanied by check covering the first item of 49¢.

Will you kindly provide a new bill covering the other item of 33¢, or correct this bill by eliminating the amount of 49¢.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.
O-L

October 17, 1919.

Phya Prabha Karavongse,
Envoy Extraordinary and
Minister Plenipotentiary,
Siamese Legation,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to telegram from this Bureau dated August 26th, forwarded you at the Legation at Gloucester, Mass., in which it was stated that the Philadelphia Mint was undertaking to complete your order early in October, I beg to now advise you that it will be impossible for us to deliver this coin during the current month as the demands upon our Mints for domestic coinage have increased so heavily.

The Superintendent of the Mint has stated that it will now be possible for him to have the balance of the order completed and ready for delivery between Nov. 15th and Nov. 20th.

I trust no unforeseen conditions will arise to prevent us from keeping this agreement.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

October 18, 1919.

The National City Bank,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Upon the receipt of your letter of the 15th instant, delivered to this Bureau to-day, the Superintendent of the Mint at Denver was instructed to advise us of the amount due for the manufacture of Peruvian Discs to be delivered to your agent in Denver. The following is his account:-

Cost of 23,541.288 fine ounces of gold used in the manufacture of 100,000 Peruvian Discs,	$486,641.61
Cost of manufacturing 100,000 discs at $10 per thousand	1,000.00
Cost of containers	19.50

Of the above amounts will you please cause to be deposited in the Sub-Treasury/New York to the credit of the bullion fund of the Mint at Denver $486,641.61

To the credit of the appropriations of the Mint, Denver, 1,019.50

When the above deposits have been made please ask the Assistant Treasurer to notify the Treasurer of the United States by telegram and telegraphic instructions will be sent to Denver to release the discs to your agent.

Respectfully,

W. McRobbie

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 20, 1919.

Pustau & Co., Inc.
50 Broad Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of October 17th, I am enclosing herewith a copy of the statement "Value of Foreign Coins" and respectfully call your attention to the provision at the top of the page, which indicates that the values given in this list are intrinsic values of the unit of each country.

The value of silver contained in Chinese coins is made on the average New York price for three months previous to the issue of the table. I also wish to call your attention to the provision for reliquidation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure
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RG104 E-235 Vol 425

October 20, 1919.

Mr. Louise Pollard,
1316 Logan St.,
Centralio, Wash.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of October 14th, I beg to advise you to forward the burned money you have on hand to the "United States Treasurer, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C."

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

o-l

October 16, 1919.

Mr. T. B. Vance,
Plumtree, N. C.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of Oct. 16th and the package forwarded under separate cover, said to contain silver, which have been forwarded to the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York, who will remit for the value of the deposit.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 425

October 20, 1919.

Mr. J. O. Hanson,
942 West 8th Street,
Sioux Falls, S.D.

Sir:-

I have your letter of October 17th relative to the deposit which you forwarded to this office last October.

In October 1918 this office was receiving from fifty to seventy five packages a day, said to contain platinum. The packages were forwarded unopened to the United States Assay Office at New York. The Superintendent of that institution made payment for any values found in such packages.

I am again taking this matter up with the United States Assay Office at New York and hope to be able to learn whether the package forwarded by you contained metal of value.

Will you please give this office a more detailed description of the nature of the material forwarded by you.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 20, 1919.

Miss Emma Van Tassell,
55 East Main Street,
Beacon, New York.

Madam:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 17th and wish to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, who will communicate direct with you.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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In re Camera left at Mint, Philadelphia

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October 20, 1919.

Mr. Harry A. Taylor,
Farmers State Bank,
Wichita, Kansas.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 15th instant addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, I beg to advise that the coinage of a 12½ piece and a 2½ cent piece would have to be authorized by Congress. No authority exists for the manufacture of the coins of those denominations at present.

Several bills have been introduced in Congress during previous sessions but have failed of enactment.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 20, 1919.

Asst. Federal Treasurer,
Pennsylvania Railroad,
Broad Street Station,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Your bill No. 519/326 in amount $1.14, for transportation in 1917, was received this day without letter of advice. It is being returned herewith attention invited to letters of this office dated May 7, 1918 and March 6, 1919, pertaining to same.

The bill is unsupported by evidence of shipment and of delivery to the consignee and this office has no knowledge as to what was shipped nor by whom. Please have the usual certificate of shipment made up covering the services performed, and upon receipt of your bill properly supported, it will be placed in line for settlement.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 20, 1919.

The International Committee
of Y. M. Christian Associations,
347 Madison Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:- Att: Ed. C. Jenkins.

Replying to the request contained in your letter of October 16th, the following prices of silver per ounce per month for April to September, 1919, inclusive, are submitted:-

April	$1.00
May	1.08
June	1.114
July	1.073
August	1.124
September	1.156

Respectfully,

W. M. Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 20, 1919.

Asst. Federal Treasurer,
Pennsylvania Railroad,
Broad Street Station,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

With reference to your letter of the 17th inst., I & C File 6093, I have to advise that your bill No. 526/365 dated August 15, 1918 for 86¢, was forwarded to the Auditor for the Treasury Department for settlement under date of April 17, 1919, after having been returned by you about that time.

The Auditor's Office is very much behind in its work but is settling claims in the order in which they are received and you will doubtless receive notice of settlement in due time.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 21, 1919.

Hon. P. P. Campbell,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Campbell:-

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 20th, relative to the inquiry of one of your constituents in regard to old script.

Replying I beg to advise you that fractional currency is redeemed by the Treasury Department at face value.

Respectfully,

M. W. Reed

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 21, 1919.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the second of October in regard to publications of this Bureau which have been sent for years to your Grandfather, Sir Inglis Palgrave.

The interest which Sir Inglis Palgrave always manifested in the work of this Bureau has been the source of great pride to us. In compliance with your wish, and out of respect for the memory of one whose erudition was held in the highest esteem in this Office, the Reports of the Director of the Mint will be sent to the University of Birmingham.

Respectfully,

M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Mr. Geoffrey P. Barker,
11, Porchester Gardens, W.2.
London, England.

October 22, 1919.

Mr. R.E.Ewalt, Secy.,
The Midwest Mining & Milling Co.,
Nederland, Colorado.

Sir:-

Responding to your request of the 16th inst., I am forwarding under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1918, and have placed your name on the mailing list to receive the 1919 Report, which is now in the hands of the printers.

I am enclosing herewith a statement giving the "Production of gold and silver in the United States during the calendar year 1918 by States".

The Report of the Director of the Mint embodies all the information the department has on the production and consumption of silver.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Enclosure.

October 22, 1919.

Miss Emma Van Tassell,
38 East Main Street,
Beacon, New York.

Madam:-

Your letter of Oct. 17th, in which you stated that you left a camera at the Mint was forwarded by this Bureau to the Philadelphia Mint. There is no Mint in Washington.

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia reports that no camera was left at his institution.

This Bureau has come to the conclusion that you probably left the camera at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Washington, D.C., where paper money is made, and I suggest that you address the "DIRECTOR, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Washington, D.C."

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 22, 1919.

Joseph Dixon Crucible Co.,
Jersey City,
N.J.

Gentlemen:-

I am enclosing herewith my letter of October 11th, together with vouchers covering graphite goods forwarded by you to the Mint at New Orleans. I beg to repeat my request that this voucher be forwarded to the Assayer in Charge, United States Mint New Orleans, for payment. See letter enclosed returned with your voucher.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosures.
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October 22, 1919.

Mr. Charles E. Treloar,
600 West 141st St.,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

Your letter of the 19th inst., addressed to Senator Williams, has by him been forwarded to this Department for attention.

Herewith I am enclosing a copy of the circular entitled "Value of Foreign Coins".

The Department does not issue any data covering foreign exchange.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 22, 1919.

Mr. W.R.Harper, Research Dept.,
American International Corp.,
120 Broadway, New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

In reply to your inquiry of the 21st inst., will state that it is the practice of this office to make, each year, an estimate from data at that time available, of the silver production of the world for the prior calendar year. During the following year revision of this estimate is made, based on data which becomes available at a later date. Occasionally it is found advisable to make further revision of such estimates if data comes to hand showing that the figures previously used were materially incorrect. In the forthcoming report of the Director of the Mint, a copy of which will be forwarded you, revision of the world's silver product is made for 1914 and subsequent years. This report will be available for distribution about December 1st and will contain the final estimate for the year 1917 and first estimate for the year 1918. Corrected figures of world's silver production for 1914 gives 168, 452, 942 fine ounces; for 1915,- 184,204,745 fine ounces and for 1916,- 168,843,000 fine ounces.

Relative to the difference between the estimates made by this office and the figures given by "Mineral Industry", will state that such differences are probably due to differing estimates for countries from which reliable data are not available.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 24, 1919.

Mr. A. Mayer,
1152 S. Wabash Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:-

I am returning herewith the package forwarded by you containing a gold and platinum chain and beg to advise you that the Government is not now in the market for platinum. No allowance can be made for the links of platinum in this gold chain should we accept it as a gold deposit.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 24, 1919

Mr. Wm. B. Ely,
Ainsworth, Neb.

Sir;-

Replying to your letter of October 20th, I am forwarding under separate cover a copy of the Report of this office for 1918, which covers the production of the precious metals of the United States.

The Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1919 is now in the hands of the printer. As soon as it is received a copy will be forwarded you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 24, 1919.

A. N. Marquis & Co.,
440-442 S. Dearborn St.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:-

I have your card of October 22nd inquiring in regard to a sketch which was sent for revision.

I am unable to locate this sketch and will be glad if you will sent me a duplicate of the same at your convenience.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 24, 1919.

Union Switch & Signal Co.,
Swissvale, Pa.

Gentlemen;-

Your letter HCL/M of October 21st has been referred to the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York and that officer requested to advise you as to reliable sources of information in regard to the analyzing of fine silver.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 24, 1919.

Miss Elizabeth B. Augustine,
c/o J. Sterling Morton High School,
Cicero, Illinois.

Madam:-

Replying to your letter without date, addressed to the Treasury Department, I beg to advise you that "General Instructions and Regulations in Relation to the Transaction of Business at the Mints and Assay Offices of the United States" is a pamphlet issued for the use of the employees and is not at our disposal for distribution.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 425

October 25, 1919.

Mr. Jno. J. Kergan, Commissioner,
U. S. Employees' Compensation Commission,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Replying to your circular letter of October 24th relative to a new edition of the Regulations governing the operation of the Federal Compensation Act. I beg to request that 15 copies of these Regulations be sent to this Bureau for use in our Field Service.

Respectfully

Director of the Mint.

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October 25, 1919.

Hon. Robert L. Owen,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Owen:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 24th inquiring as to whether or not a constituent can buy three dollar gold pieces from the Mint.

Replying I regret to say that there are no three dollar gold pieces in the mint or in the Treasury.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 24, 1919.

Joseph Dixon Crucible Co.,
Jersey City, N. J.

Gentlemen:-

On October 11th we returned to you a voucher covering crucibles delivered to the Mint at New Orleans, with the request that the same be signed and forwarded to the Assayer in Charge of the United states Mint at New Orleans for payment. Our letter was returned to us together with the voucher without any explanation on your part. We again wrote you on October 22nd, returned our letter of the 11th and the voucher, and repeated our request that the same should be sent to the Assayer in Charge of the New Orleans Mint.

This account is not payable at this Bureau; it is payable at the United States Mint at New Orleans by the Assayer in Charge.

May I suggest that your inattention to this information is causing a delay in the settlement of this account. This is the third letter we have written to this effect, and no doubt the voucher and our letters are being returned to us through a misunderstanding on the part of some one in your office.

I beg further to call your attention to the fact that the letters are being returned to the "Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.", and in the effort of the Mail Room to locate the office to which they pertain, the voucher has been each time delivered to the Supervising Architect's Office, causing a still further delay in the adjustment of this account.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 425

October 27, 1919.

Mr. Ed.A. Bechtel, Dean,
The Tulane University of La.,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of October 24th, I beg to advise that the report of the Director of the Mint for the calendar year 1918 and the fiscal year 1919, combined in one volume, is now in the hands of the printer. That volume contains all of the statistics this office has been able to compile on the production and consumption of gold in the United States and the world.

The amount of gold used in dentistry is not seggregated, that amount being included in the amount under "Industrial Arts".

A copy of the Report will be forwarded you as soon as it is received from the printer.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 29, 1919.

Miss Grace M. Ellis,
13 Francis Street,
Worcester, Mass.

Madam:-

Your letter of October 28th, has been forwarded to this Bureau for attention.

Replying I beg to advise you that no regular gold coins have been manufactured since the calendar year 1916.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 30, 1919.

Norton Company,
Worcester, Mass.

Gentlemen:-

I am forwarding under separate cover a small clay cup and would thank you to state the cost of making 30 cups out of alundum similar to this, with the slight change of making them a quarter of an inch deeper. They are to be used to melt small beads of alloys at about 800° without flux and they sould be very close in texture.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 30, 1919.

Mr. H. D. Ketcham,
241 E. State St.,
Trenton, J. J.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of October 9th, I beg to advise you that in 1854 the following number of three dollar gold pieces were coined:- $491,314.00

I am unable to advise you whether or not Coin Collectors are paying premiums on these coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 30, 1919.

Mr. M. Marcuson,
1611 East 82nd Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of October 23rd, I beg to advise that the Government is not in the market for platinum and we have no funds which are available for the purpose of the coins you describe.

Thanking you for giving us this opportunity, I am

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 30, 1919.

Mr. H. C. Brown,
Box 205,
Natrona, Pa.

Sir;-

Replying to your letter of October 28th, addressed to the Treasurer of the United States, I beg to advise you that the one cent pieces, manufactured at the Mints, are distributed through the Sub-Treasuries. However, if you address the Superintendents of the Mints, which are located at Philadelphia, San Francisco and Denver, they may furnish you with the one cent pieces you desire if they have them on hand.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 30, 1919.

Mr. C. W. Thorpe,
Lakeland, Florida.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of October 23rd, I beg to advise that the piece described by you is not a coin but what is nationally known as a token piece. Many specimens of this class of discs appeared during the Civil War. They have no numismatic value, as there are many of them in circulation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 30, 1919.

Federal Reserve Bank,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Gentlemen:-

This office is in receipt of a package containing coin bags. It is addressed to "United States Mint, Washington, D.C."

As you are aware there is no Mint in Washington and the package has therefore been sent here inadvertently. It is being forwarded to the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 31, 1919.

Mr. H.C.Buhrman, Contract Dept.,
Division of Operations,
United States Shipping Board,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I take pleasure in returning herewith the document written in Italian, which was left in this office for translation.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reily

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Enclosure.

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October 30, 1919.

American Railway Express Co.,
119 West 19th Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

Herewith I am returning your bill No. B/8/160, in amount 47¢, with accompanying certificates in lieu of Bill of Lading. I am unable to determine from the information given whether this bill is properly chargeable to the appropriations under the jurisdiction of this office. Further information is therefore requested.

In this connection it is noted that on May 24, 1919, the Philadelphia Mint shipped two packages containing asbestos mitts and oversleeves, weighing 123 pounds. The bill of Lading was numbered 300962. There are some discrepancies between the item in question and the item carried on your bill, but if they are in fact intended to cover the same service, the original bill of lading No. 300962, should be furnished, or the usual certificate in lieu of lost bill of lading on the government form, copy enclosed.

Respectfully,

N. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Enclosure.

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October 31, 1919.

American International Corporation,
120 Boradway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

Att: Mr. W.R.Harper.

Replying to your inquiry of the 29th inst., will state that the purpose of the table entitled "Estimated Stock of Gold and Silver in the United States", carried on page 144 of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1918, is to provide in readily comparable form information as to the basic metallic monetary stock of the United States for a series of years. Detailed items entering into the totals will be found on pages 142 and 143 of the same report.

The records of this office do not indicate what markets absorbed the increased silver production during the years 1906 to 1911. In this connection it is suggested that a study of the tables on pages 149-150 of the 1918 Report of the Director of the Mint may be of interest as they show silvermovements from and to London and to the Far East for a series of yeam.

Respectfully,

M. McKelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 3, 1919.

The H.A.Mathews Mfg. Co.,
Seymour, Conn.

Gentlemen:-

Att: E.L.Hoffman.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 1st, relative to manufacture of coin blanks. Your letter has been placed on file and should the Department be in the market for the purchase of blanks it will be referred to.

We are at present manufacturing the blanks used in all of the Mints.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 3, 1919.

Mr. Coon Johnson,
Jetts Creek, Ky.

Sir:-

Your letter of October 31st relative to discovery of minerals and metals on another man's land has been forwarded to the Land Office for attention.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 1, 1919.

Mr. Walter R. Harper,
Rm. 3700, 120 B'Way,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

Replying to your inquiry of October 31st, I beg to state that the New York Assay Office is not required to make analyses of gold ores.

Assays of ores are made for the public at the United States Mint in New Orleans at a charge of $1.00 for gold and silver and a dollar each for copper, tin, zinc, iron, lead and tungsten.

Assays of ores are also made at the minor assay offices located at Boise, Helena, Deadwood, Carson City and Salt Lake City.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 3, 1919.

Mercantile Bank of the Americas,
44 Pine Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of Nov. 1st relative to the manufacture of one hundred thousand nickel 5-centavo pieces and 200,000 bronze 1-centavo pieces for the Government of Nicaragua. The Department has not yet received the formal request through the State Department from the representative of the Nicaraguan Government at this capital.

It is presumed, however, that this formality will be observed in due course.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 3, 1919.

American Railway Express Co.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

I am enclosing herewith a card delivered by the Post Office to this Bureau, addressed to "United States Assayers". As there is no Assay Office in Washington connected with the Government, which receives work from the public, I am returning the card with the advice that if it is the desire of the company to deliver the box to this office it will be received and examined, otherwise this Bureau is without interest in the matter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 3, 1919.

Supt. of Supplies,
General Supply Committee,
Auditors' Building,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of October 28th, I beg to state that we have no suggestions to make as to changes or additions desired by this Bureau under the headings of the various classes of the Specifications and Proposals for Supplies for 1920.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 3, 1919.

Willson & Co.,
130 North State St.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:-

Your letter of October 7th addressed to the "Superintendent of the United States Mint, Washington, D.C.", has been held in this Bureau awaiting the arrival of a package, which it is stated was forwarded by express.

The package has not been received and it is presumed that the letter was sent inadvertently to Washington instead of to Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 4, 1919.

Mr. E. Clarke Fowler,
Philadelphia News Bureau,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Responding to your letter of the 31st ultimo I am enclosing herewith a copy of the Pittman Act covering the use of silver dollars for commercial and other purposes.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

November 4, 1919.

United States Civil Service Commission,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

Referring to your letter of October 27th relative to the request of the Department, dated Oct. 22nd, that Arthur J. Healy, Edward F. Gartland and Harold French be given examinations to test their fitness for promotion from the position of Helper to that of Clerk in the Mint at San Francisco, I beg to submit the following:-

Mr. Arthur J. Healy was appointed a temporary helper Oct. 1, 1917. He has served intermittently from that period.

Mr. Harold French was first appointed Aug. 5, 1901 and served in various capacities until Jan. 31, 1912. Mr. French was reappointed April 25, 1918. This record is submitted for consideration in regard to the recommendation covering his case.

Mr. Edward Gartland was appointed Oct. 1, 1917 and has served at intervals since that period.

As there are no subclerical employees who have served a requisite period, who can be recommended for examination for promotion to the clerical grade, I beg to request in accordance with your letter that further consideration be given to the promotion of the candidates recommended by the Department in its letter of October 22nd.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 4, 1919.

The U. S. Civil Service Commission,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th of October relative to allowing the Local Secretary of the Civil Service Commission to maintain a register of eligibles for appointment to the Mint at Denver.

The Superintendent of the Mint has been advised of your decision that this plan would be inadvisable, and has been instructed to continue to call upon the District Secretary of the Commission at San Francisco.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 4, 1919.

The C. L. Downey Company,
120 - 122 E. Eighth Street,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th ultimo relative to the number of each denomination of coins of the United States now outstanding.

I am forwarding herewith a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for 1918 fiscal year and refer you to page 22 for information as to the number of minor coins outstanding. On page 148 you will find a table giving the location of the gold and silver coin of the United States. The Department has issued no statement covering the location of subsidiary silver by denominations.

On pages 126 to 135 you will find the coinage executed by the Mints since the beginning of coinage.

The Report of the Director of the Mint for the calendar year 1918 is now in the hands of the printer, and a copy will be sent to you as soon as received.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

November 4, 1919.

Mr. J. O. Hanson,
Sioux Falls, S. Dakota.

Sir:

I have your letter of October 25th in response to letter from this Bureau asking for a description of the material sent last October as a platinum deposit. I am making every effort to trace this package which was received at this Bureau and, with hundreds of others, sent to the U. S. Assay Office at New York. To assist me in identifying the particular package will you please advise me of the number of pieces contained in the package, even approximately, the condition in which they were, - that is, if the contact points were attached to machinery parts, or any detailed description which will enable us to compare the contents of your package with the descriptions the New York Assay Office may have of packages received.

I regret the delay in adjusting this matter, and will appreciate any information you may be able to give me to help to distinguish your deposit from similar ones received in great numbers.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint

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November 4, 1919.

Miss Ruth Griswold,
Worthington, Ohio.

Madam:

Replying to your inquiry of the 3rd instant I beg to say that the Mint at Philadelphia will receive silver-ware approximating in value $100 and make payment for the same at the current rate for fine silver, the price to-day being $1.22 per fine ounce. Payment is made by check on the Treasurer of the United States, charges for preparing the material for coinage purposes being deducted. The charges are nominal.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 5, 1919.

My dear Judge:

Your letter in regard to the gold situation reached my desk during my absence. In reply I beg to state that in 1918 a Commission was appointed by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo to take up, investigate and report the gold mining industry. I am enclosing herewith a copy of that Report, which I think will answer the inquiry of Mr. G. M. Logan.

I am informed that there will be a meeting of the Mining Congress in St. Louis some time this month to take up the same matters, and possible recommendations will be made for a new hearing.

I, of course, am only too glad to serve whenever I can. With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. John M. Baker
House of Representatives.

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November 6, 1919.

Mr. E. F. Barsch,
833½ So. 13th Street,
St. Joseph, Mo.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of Nov. 1st, enclosing a pencil rubbing of a Hawaiian dollar, I beg to say that the Department issues no circular covering the value of foreign coins. The coin would not be redeemable at par in this country.

I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, New York City. The secretary of that society may be able to advise you whether or not Coin Collectors are seeking such dollars. The Department has no list of coin dealers, otherwise we would be glad to serve you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 6, 1919.

H. M. Lawrie, Chief,
Precious & Rare Metals Division,
American Mining Congress,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Lawrie:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of Nov. 4th, relative to the Depletion of the Monetary Gold Reserve, and referring to a conference, to be held at St. Louis, Nov. 17-21, 1919.

I very much appreciate your courteous suggestion that I attend the conference, and regret that official business will prevent me from being absent from Washington at that time. The question is of vital interest to me and I would be very glad to participate were it possible.

Appreciating your courtesy, I am

Yours very truly,

Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 6, 1919.

Miss E. Tomlinson,
Struges Apartment,
Zanesville, Ohio.

Madam:-

Replying to your letter of Nov. 2nd, I regret to advise you that the Department has no means of determining the value of gold coins and keeps no list of the same. I would suggest that you forward the list to the American Numismatic Society, New York City.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.
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Nov. 6, 1919.

Hon. Henry I. Emerson,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Emerson:-

In response to your request of Nov. 3rd, addressed to the "Division of Publications, Treasury Department", this Bureau has taken pleasure in forwarding a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1918 to Mr. F. M. Carl, 4069 East 131st Street, Cleveland, Ohio, and transmitted your letter to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for printed matter covering the manufacture of postage stamps.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 6, 1919.

Mr. A. Parmelee,
117 Glenwood Ave.,
Knoxville, Tenn.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of November 2nd, I beg to state that this Bureau purchases copper in large quantities, by the ton, and does not purchase copper in small quantities.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 6, 1919.

Wessel, Duval & Co.,
25-33 Broad Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

In reply to your letter of Oct. 24th, addressed to the "Treasury Department", I beg to submit the following covering an estimate on certain nickel blanks for the Government of Chile:-

20 Centavos- 60,000,000 pieces-

Weight 4½ grams; diameter 22½ mm. $3.25 per 1000 pieces

10 Centavos- 50,000,000 pieces-

Weight 3 grams; diameter 19½ mm. $2.50 per 1000 pieces

5 Centavos- 40,000,000 pieces-

Weight 2 grams; diamter 16½ mm. $1.75 per 1000 pieces

Calculating on the basis of an alloy composed of 75% copper and 25% nickel, the following quantities of Electrolytic copper (99.90% copper content) and screened shot nickel (99% nickel cobalt content), which must be furnished by the Chilean Government will be required in the manufacture of these blanks:

		Avoirdupois Pounds	
		Copper	Nickel
60,000,000	20-Centavo blanks	446,425.71	148,808.57
50,000,000	10-Centavo blanks	248,014.29	82,671.43
40,000,000	5-Centavo blanks	132,274.29	44,091.43
		826,714.29	275,571.43

The cost of packing cases or kegs required for shipment, as well as cost of necessary metals are not included in coinage costs but are in addition thereto.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Messrs. Haschner Bros.,
3313 Kensington Ave.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:-

Your letter of Nov. 5th, enclosing a sketch of a cut proposed to be used for advertising purposes on the pamphlet of a Building & Loan Ass'n., has been received.

In reply I beg to refer you to section 171 of the Penal Code. As to the application of this law I would suggest that you confer with your United States Attorney, the officer who would be required to proceed against you in case of any infraction of the law.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 6, 1919.

Mr. Harvey Giles,
38 Hampton Place,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Sir:-

Your letter of Oct. 30th, addressed to Hon. Wm. Calder, relative to a 2¢ piece, has been forwarded to this Bureau for attention.

No authority exists at present for the manufacture of a 2¢ piece and no steps have been taken toward the procuring of authority from Congress for the manufacture of a coin of that denomination. Should legislation be enacted covering the issue of a new coin your letter will be referred to.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 6, 1919.

Mr. Julian E. Hall,
County Assessor,
Cripple Creek, Colo.

Sir:-

Your letter of Nov. 1st, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury and enclosing a copy of a letter forwarded by you to Hon. Lawrence Phipps, United States Senate, has been forwarded to this Bureau for attention. The letter and enclosure have been read with much interest.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a report of a conference made up of a Committee appointed by Mr. McAdoo, the former Secretary of the Treasury, covering the Gold Situation.

I trust this report will be of interest to you and regret that we cannot forward any more definite statement covering the production of gold in the United States.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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enclosure.

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

November 7, 1919.

Mr. J. M. Evins,
Dyer, Tennessee.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of November 4th, I beg to advise you that the letter "M", is the initial of Mr. Morgan, the Engraver of the Mint at Philadelphia, who designed the silver dollar.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 7, 1919.

Charles Bond Co.,
617-619 Arch St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 5th, relative to Conveyors now being prepared by you for the Mint at Philadelphia. I am very much gratified to know that some progress is being made toward the delivery of the Conveyors as other improvements, contingent upon the installation of the Conveyors, are being held up at Philadelphia, and as will be obvious to you, operations delayed on account of the disturbed condition of our equipment.

I shall appreciate very much any effort you make toward hastening the delivery of this order.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 7, 1919.

Mr. Henry S. Waterman,
American Vice Consul in Charge,
Guatemala City, Guatemala.

Sir:-

Your letter of October 18th relative to the fixing of the rate of exchange, has been referred to this office. This Bureau compiles the table entitled "Value of Foreign Coins". The purpose of this table is confined to giving the intrinsic value of the metal in the monetary unit of each country.

Your letter for attention as to the effect of exchange on your accounts, I have forwarded to the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury in charge of Customs.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 7, 1919.

Watts Bros. Garage,
Pontiac, Illinois.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to advise you that the package forwarded by express to the "United States Assayers, Washington", has been delivered by the Express Co. to this office.

There is no office under the control of the Government in Washington where assays are made for the public, and I am returning, under separate cover, the box unopened.

I am unable to advise you where this material can be assayed as the United States Mints or Assay Offices do not handle such material.

Regretting that we cannot be of assistance to you in the matter, I am

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 425

November 7, 1919.

Miss Marion Y. Fonville,
La Follette, Tenn.

Madam:-

Replying to your letter of Nov. 3rd, I beg to advise that the Act of April 2, 1792, authorizing the coinage of the silver dollar, decided that it should weigh 416 grains and be .8924 fine.

The Act of January 18, 1837 changed the weight to that of the present dollar, which is 412½ grains and .900 fine.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 7, 1919.

Mr. Wm. Franzblau,
Franklin Audit Co.,
1328 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of Nov. 5th, I beg to say that this Bureau does not keep a record of exchange rates of any other country except Great Britain.

I suggest that you consult the Collector of Customs, New York, in regard to duties to be levied on imports from Poland.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 6, 1919.

Mr. Max Maas,
532 W. 111th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of Nov. 6th stating that you would be glad to receive a copy of fixed exchange rates issued by this Department, I beg to say that the Department does not issue a statement covering exchange rates.

The circular entitled "Value of Foreign Coins", issued quarterly, gives the intrinsic value of the monetary units of different countries. This pamphlet is issued primarily for the benefit of the Customs Service and will not be of assistance to you in regard to exchange. I am, however, very gladly enclosing a copy.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 8, 1919.

Director,
Bureau of Standards,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Will you please advise this Bureau when we may expect to receive from you your report on the set of weights, your test number 26950, forwarded to you for test on Oct. 16, 1919. This set of weights was intended for this Bureau.

On Sept. 20th a set of weights, your test number 26704, was forwarded to be adjusted for the Mint at New Orleans.

I shall appreciate your courtesy if you can advise us when we may expect to receive a report on these weights.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 8, 1919.

Voland & Sons,
New Rochelle,
New York.

Gentlemen:-

I have your letter of the 1st inst. enclosing your account for two sets of weights. I have today taken up the matter with the Director of the Bureau of Standard with the request that report be made on these weights at an early date in order that your account may be adjusted.

This office will endeavor to expedite the matter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 8, 1919.

E. W. Bliss Company,
Brooklyn, New York.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of Nov. 7th, relative to information you desire in regard to "adjusting upset coins".

It is understood that you have in mind the manufacture of French coins.

This office will very gladly cooperate with you if you will kindly confer with the representative of the Republic of France accredited to this Capital. You are doubtless aware that any negotiations in regard to foreign coinage is entered into by the Department through the representative of the country concerned.

We will be glad to take this matter up with you as soon as we are advised that you are the agent of the French Government in this matter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 8, 1919.

Mr. T. Tunis,
112 Batton St.,
Baltimore, Md.

Sir:-

Your letter of Oct. 19th, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to this Bureau for attention. Replying to your inquiry as to the possibility of subsidiary coin disappearing from circulation in case the price of silver reaches $1.30 per ounce, I beg to say that that would not necessarily follow.

The price of silver per fine ounce would have to exceed $1.38 before it would be profitable to destroy subsidiary silver coin.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 8, 1919.

Mr. W. H. McConnell,
1803 W. Knox Ave.,
Spokane, Wash.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 7th inst., I beg to advise you that the Catalogue of Coins, Token and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint at Philadelphia is for sale at $1.00 a copy by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 8, 1919.

Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Referring to your reference of letter dated Sept. 12, 1919 from Superintendent Roberts of San Francisco, with letter of Sept. 11th from the Superintendent of the Mint and two sketches relating to location of the electric furnace at San Francisco, I beg to say that this correspondence has been forwarded to the San Francisco Mint and the Superintendent instructed to confer with your representative, Mr. Roberts.

As soon as the report is received from the Superintendent at San Francisco the matter will be taken up with your office.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 8, 1919.

Dear Mr. Doyle:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your telephone communication acceding to my request that Mr. Karl Krueger be given a non-competitive examination for promotion to a clerkship in the Denver Mint.

Please allow me to express my very sincere appreciation of your courtesy and promptness in acting upon my recommendation. The case is a worthy one, and I am very much gratified that, through your cooperation and consent, Mr. Krueger may have the benefit of a non-competitive examination.

Assuring you that I shall be glad to reciprocate your kindness in any way that I can, I am

Very cordially yours,

Director of the Mint.

Mr. Joyn T. Doyle,
Secretary, U. S. Civil
Service Commission,
Washington, D. C.

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Nov. 10, 1919.

Hon. P. P. Campbell,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Campbell:-

Your letter of Nov. 8th referring to a package of old script, has this day been received. The package referred to was brought to this office by messenger on Saturday, and the messenger directed to deliver the same to the United States Treasurer, who handles paper money.

I am today referring your letter of the 8th inst. to the Treasurer of the United States to be used in connection with the package of paper money understood to be now in his possession.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 10, 1919.

Mr. M. J. Trubey,
14639 Center Ave.,
Harvey, Illinois.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter together with package said to contain silver. The package has been forwarded to the United States Mint at Denver and the Superintendent requested to forward to you the value of the silver content in the deposit, less the charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

It is not customary for us to accept deposits in such small quantities but in this case the Superintendent will be requested to accept your deposit.

There is no place in Washington where such materials can be received from the public.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 10, 1919.

Miss Clara E. Lidberg,
Box 129, International Falls,
Minnesota.

Madam:-

The five cent coin enclosed in your letter of Nov. 7th is a genuine piece. The coin is worn by having been circulated for a number of years.

Another nickel piece is being enclosed in placed of the one forwarded by you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.
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RG104 E-235 Vol 425

Nov. 10, 1919.

Miss Muriel L. Byard,
Lawrence House,
Northampton, Mass.

Madam:-

Replying to your letter of Nov. 7th, I beg to advise you that the Department does not keep a tabulated statement covering exchange rates of different countries. The information used by the Department is that available to the public in well known daily New York newspapers.

Regretting that we cannot assist you any more definitely, I am

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 425

Nov. 11, 1919.

Mr. J. M. Mejia, c/o
Mr. Daniel Mejia,
Medellin, Colombia,
South America.

Sir:-

Responding to your request of November 5th, I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a copy of the "Regulations for the Transaction of Business at the Mints and Assay Offices of the United States" and also a copy of the "Coinage Laws".

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Enclosures.

Nov. 11, 1919.

Mrs. J. T. Hunt,
1710 Summitt Ave.,
Little Rock, Ark.

Madam:-

Replying to your letter of Nov. 5th, I beg to advise you that the Department is not in the market for platinum. We have no funds to make payment for deposits of that metal.

The ring in itself, separated from the platinum, would not make an acceptable deposit as the Mint Service Offices are not supposed to receive amounts which do not approximate in value $100.00 and over.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 425

Nov. 11, 1919.

Mr. A. B. Crane,
Kaufman, Texas.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of November 7th, I beg to advise you that visual examination indicated that there was no value in the specimen of the metal sent.

The metal contained no gold.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 425

Nov. 12, 1919.

Mr. F. E. Cooper,
Rm. 1605, Pulitzer Bldg.,
Park Row,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

In response to your several inquiries I beg to forward herewith corrected page proof of the coinage of nations, world's monetary stock of gold and silver, world's production of gold and silver, which will appear in the forthcoming Report of the Director of the Mint. This material should not be published before December 1st next.

Regretting my inability to get this matter to you at an earlier date, I am

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 425

Nov. 12, 1919.

Benton Harbor State Bank,
Benton Harbor,
Michigan.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your inquiry of the 10th instant, I beg to advise you that no silver dollars have been coined since 1904.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 425

Nov. 12, 1919.

Mr. Chas. C. Sauer,
S & R Photo Service,
3741 Fulton Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Sir,-

Responding to your letter of November 10th, I beg to advise you that the Mint does not handle silver in the form described in your letter.

I regret that I cannot advise you where this silver sulphide can be disposed of.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 425

Nov. 13, 1919.

Mr. Ray James,
325-1st Avenue,
West Catasauqua, Pa.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of November 12th, I beg to advise that I am forwarding under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint, which gives you the information called for in your letter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 425

Nov. 13, 1919.

American Railway Express Co.,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Herewith find Bill of Lading No. T301290, dated Sept. 26, 1919, covering transportation of one cent pieces to the Asst. Treasurer at Baltimore, Maryland. This Bill of Lading supports your bill No. B/10/63, but is incomplete as to the weight received by the Consignee.

Please have the Bill of Lading completed and returned to this office when your bill will be put in line for settlement.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 13, 1919.

Mrs. Boyd Nevin,
245 Munty Street,
Hillsboro, Ohio.

Madam:-

Replying to your letter of Nov. 11th, I beg to state that if you will forward the coin described therein, we will make an effort to determine whether or not it is a San Francisco coin, by the mint mark, which you say is not very plain.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Director of the Mint.

"Contingent Expense, Office of the Director of the Mint 1920".

Rochester Laboratory Supply Co., November 13th 9.
64-66 Gorham St., Rochester, New York.

Director of the Mint, Treasury Dept., Wash. D.C.

5104 Crucibles; deep form, solid porcelain,
glazed throughout;
(a) 25 mm. diameter, without covers. 2 doz. .72 1 44

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Director of the Mint.

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November 14, 1919.

Consul General,
Salvador Consulate,
42 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of November 11th, requesting an estimate of certain coinage for your Government, I beg to submit the following:-

For the coinage of-

2,000,000 5-centavo nickel pcs. $4.00 per 1000 pieces
1,492,000 1-centavo nickel pcs. 4.00 " 1000 "

According to similar coinage previously coined for your Government the alloys of these coins are understood to be 75% copper and 25% nickel; weights 5 and 3½ grams respectively with a tolerance of 3 grains on each piece.

Metal required-

For:	Copper		Nickel	
2,000,000 5-centavos	16,534.2857	av.lbs.	5,511.4286	av.lbs.
1,492,000 1-centavos	6,167.2886	do	2,055.7629	do
	22,701.5743	do	7,567.1915	do

Electrolytic copper (99.90% copper content) and clean shot nickel (99.00% nickel cobalt content); to be furnished by your Government.

The above coinage can be completed and delivered during the month of February 1920.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 14, 1919.

American Railway Express Co.,
119 West 19th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Herewith find Bill of Lading No. 254696, which supports your bill No. B/10/59. This bill covers transportation of bronze coin from the Denver Mint to the St. Louis Sub-Treasury.

It is returned herewith for amendment as to shipping weights and weights received by the Consignee. On its return, properly corrected, your bill No. B/10/59 will be placed in line for settlement.

Respectfully,

M. O'Reilly

Director of the Mint.

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Director of the Mint.

"Contingent expense, Office of the Director of the Mint 1920".

William B. Dana Company,

November 14th 9.

Front, Pine & Depeyster Sts., New York, N.Y.

Hon. R. C. Leffingwell, Asst. Secretary, Treasury Dept., Wash. D.C.

Subscription to The Commercial & Financial Chronicle from Nov. 15th to and including June 30, 1920.

W. M. O'Reilly

Director of the Mint.

Nov. 14, 1919.

The World's Business,
350 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

In accordance with the request contained in your letter of the 13th inst., I beg to advise that you have been put on our mailing list to receive a copy of the statement entitled "Value of Foreign Coins" and the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 14, 1919.

The E. & J. Swigart Co.,
N.W. Cor. 6th & College Sts.,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of Nov. 11th, I beg to advise that a good general test for platinum is to dissolve the alloy in aqua regia, filter if necessary, evaporate 2 or 3 times with hydrochloric acid, filter again if not clear, and add strong solution of iodide of potassium. Platinum gives a deep red color.

"White gold" is a trade name and no chemical tests can be given for its identification.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 14, 1919.

Mr. M.W.Von Bernewitz,
29 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

With reference to your inquiry of the 12th for three copies of table showing Gold and Silver Production of the World for 1918, I beg to advise that the material is in the Government Printing Office and will not be available for publication until December 1st next. However, there is being enclosed herewith for your information a galley proof copy of the table.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 14, 1919.

Federal Farm Loan Board,
Bond Building,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:-

Will you kindly advise me what action has been taken on bill of this office in the sum of $22.00, forwarded you January 31, 1919, covering the cost of a steel die for sealing machines, with twelve copper counters, manufactured by the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

We apparently have received no notice of settlement of this account.

Respectfully,

M M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 15, 1919.

H.R.Lathrop & Co. Inc.
110-116 Beekman Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your request of November 12th, I take pleasure in forwarding herewith a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint together with a copy of the circular entitled "Value of Foreign Coins", and have placed your name on the mailing list for a copy of the forthcoming report of the Director of the Mint for the year 1919, and also for the regular receipt of the circular "Value of Foreign Coins", which is issued quarterly.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 15, 1919.

Underwood Typewriter Co.,
1413 New York Ave., N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

I am returning herewith the account enclosed in your letter of Nov. 14th and have to request that you will forward this statement to the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Deadwood, South Dakota, who will make payment for the machine when it is found to be satisfactory.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Enclosure.

Nov. 15, 1919.

Mr. J. L. Anderson,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Sir:-

Replying to yours of the 11th, I beg to advise you to submit the sample, which is returned herewith, to the following dealers in platinum and ask them to state what they would pay for such material:-

Baker & Co.,
Murray & Austin Sts.,
Newark, N. J.

S.S.White Dental Co.,
Philadelphia,
Pa.

Bishop Platinum Works,
Malvern,
Pa.

Respectfully,

M. McReely

Acting Director of the Mint.

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SENT TO

American Metals Company,
62 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

United Metals Selling Co.,
42 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

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and

Clendenin Bros.,
Clendenin Bldg.,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:-

This office will receive bids until Thursday, November 20th, at 2 o'clock, on the delivery of 20,000 pounds of nickel, either shot or cube, to the Mint Building, San Francisco.

Please note that the bid invited is that to cover delivery to the Mint Building.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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American Metal Co.,
62 Broadway, New York, N.Y.

United Metals Selling Co.,
42 Broadway, New York, N.Y.

and

November 17, 1919.

Clendenin Bros.,
Clendenin Bldg.,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:-

Please advise this Bureau the rate at which you will deliver to the Mint Building at Denver, 40 tons of electrolytic copper in low-bridge ingots.

The Superintendent of the Mint at Denver has forwarded a sketch, a copy of which is enclosed, giving dimensions of the sizes of the ingots he desires. Please make quotation covering a supply of ingots of this description.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 17, 1919.

Mr. A. Volk,
1306 Masonic Temple,
153 No. State Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of November 15th, I beg to advise that the Mint does not purchase platinum or refine it for the public.

Gold bullion is received in the form of scrap and paid for after the value has been determined by melt and assay.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 17, 1919.

Press Illustrating Service, Inc.
142 West 25rd Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of Nov. 11th, inquiring as to the possibility of permitting the photographing of manufacturing of money at the Philadelphia Mint, I beg to state that at the present time it would be impracticable for us to authorize the photographing of the processes of coinage.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 17, 1919.

Mr. Ed. P. E. Troy,
1263 Oak Street,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of Nov. 9th, I regret that we are unable to supply you with reports covering information about early forms of, and issues of, currency by the American Colonies and the States.

I would suggest that it might be possible to find this data in some library. A file of the Reports of the Director of the Mint are, no doubt, on hand in one of the libraries at San Francisco. These reports may have some information covering your inquiry but the Bureau has not the earlier editions of the reports available.

Regretting that we cannot be of more service to you, I am

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 17, 1919.

Mr. Wharton Barker,
Philadelphia,
Pa.

Sir:-

Your letter of Nov. 13th, addressed to Hon. Carter Glass, Secretary of the Treasury, has by him been referred to this Bureau for attention.

Replying, I beg to state that the Government has not under consideration the manufacture of coins of aluminum and is not in position to consider the purchase of aluminum mining properties.

Thanking you for your interest in the matter, I am with appreciation

Yours very truly,

M. McRelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 425

Nov. 17, 1913.

Mr. Albert H. Kunlcke,
General Delivery,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of November 13th, you are advised that foreign gold and silver coins are purchased at the United States Mint at Philadelphia and the United States Assay Office at New York, and paid for after the same have been melted. Nominal charges are deducted for melting the coin, and payment is made by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

It would be impossible to determine the exact value of the metal of the coin until after the same were weighed and melted.

Respectfully,

M. McReely

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 17, 1919.

Bureau of Supplies & Accounts,
Navy Department,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:-

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has advised this Bureau that it is possible for him to obtain from the Navy Yard in Philadelphia, a supply of canvas and muslin at the following rates:-

		Per Yd.
5,000 yds.	72 in. 18 oz. cotton canvas @	64-3/10¢
2,000 "	#9 22 in. 17 oz. " " @	38¢
21,000 "	36 in. unbleached muslin @	19-1/2¢

If this understanding is correct will you please authorize the Officer in Charge of the Supply Corps, United States Navy, Supply Department, United States Navy Yard, Philadelphia, to deliver the above list of goods to the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

The account for this bill of goods should be forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia for payment.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 18, 1919.

Dr. James S. Cooley,
District Superintendent,
State Dept. of Education,
Mineola, New York.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of Nov. 15th, I beg to submit the following in regard to one cent pieces :-

The small one cent pieces were first coined in 1857. The Act authorizing that was passed Feb. 21, 1857.

The larger copper cents were coined up to that date. Large copper coins bearing the date of 1857 were issued.

The small cents with the so-called Indian Head were first coined in 1859. The name of the sculptor who designed the piece was "Longacre".

It is presumed that the sculptor idealized the Indian Head. There is no record in the department covering the suggestion that the head was modeled "after a young daughter of some gentleman in Washington".

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 18, 1919.

Auditor of Miscellaneous Accts.,
Pennsylvania Railroad,
Eastern Lines,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

With return of the three enclosures concerning your bill No. 526/365, in amount $.86, will you kindly furnish the vouchers called for by the Auditor's letter of Nov. 15, 1919.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosures.
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Nov. 18, 1919.

Wessel, Duval & Co.,
25-33 Broad Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of Nov.-17th relative to the proposed manufacture of blanks for Chilean coins. My letter of Nov. 6th, covered the cost per thousand pieces for manufacturing the nickel blanks. The tolerance stated in your letter of Oct. 24th was taken into consideration when the estimate was made.

The copper required would have to be delivered in the form of ingots, the nickel in the form of shot or cubes.

The blanks, if manufactured by the United States Government, would be struck at the Philadelphia Mint.

The usual packing for such blanks is boxes. Early in the season the price of such boxes was 95¢. This charge is subject to change according to the cost of the lumber. The boxes will be prepared at the Mint. The number of pieces contained in each box would be as follows:-

20-centavo ------	15,000	pcs. per box
10-centavo ------	20,000	" " "
5-centavo ------	30,000	" " "

The manufacture of these discs, if authorized, could not be undertaken until March of the coming year. If the manufacture could proceed without interruption the delivery of approximately ten million pieces a month might be made. This is subject, however, to conditions in regard to the demands for our own coinage.

The preparation of the discs would be made at the request of the Chilean Government through its representative at this capital, and be delivered to the agent named by him.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 18, 1919.

Vice President,
The National City Bank,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of Nov. 17th, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, and by him referred to this Bureau for attention relative to platinum contained in gold and silver deposits.

The United States Assay Office is authorized to purchase gold and silver only and has not authority to purchase platinum. The platinum recovered from gold and silver deposits is usually reached in the electrolytical refinery, where numbers of deposits are massed in one. It would, therefore, be impracticable for the United States Assay Office at New York to determine the amount of platinum in each deposit as it is received.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 425

November 18, 1919.

Mrs. J. C. Schneider,
Krug Park Place,
Joseph, Wisconsin.

Madam:-

Replying to yours of recent date, I beg to say that the United States Mint at Denver, Colorado, will receive old silver at the market price of silver, which varies each day. The silver will be purchased in quantities approximating in value $100.00 and over.

Payment is made by check on the Treasurer of the United States, after nominal charges have been deducted from the value of the deposit, after determining the same by melt and assay.

The market price of silver on the 17th inst. was $1.25 an ounce, 1000 fine.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 18, 1919.

Mrs. S. H. Walker, Editor,
Daily Digest of Reconstruction News,
Council of National Defense,
Washington, D.C.

Madam:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 17th and take pleasure in saying that the "Daily Digest of Reconstruction News" is of much value and interest to this Bureau and we will be obliged if you will continue to forward it.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 425

Nov. 19, 1919.

Mr. Carl L. Rost,
25 N. Illinois St.,
Indianapolis, Ind.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of Nov. 17th, I beg to advise that the Mint at Philadelphia or the New York Assay Office will purchase silver in quantities approximating in value $100. and over, and pay for the same at the market price of silver for the day the purchase is made.

A charge is deducted from the value of the deposit for determining the same by melt and assay. Payment is made by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

The length of time requiring for making return upon the deposit depends upon the volume of business in the institution at the time your deposit is made.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 12, 1919.

Hon. Martin A. Morrison, Pres.,
United States Civil Service Commission,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Morrison:-

I have your letter of November 8th, stating that in response to the request of this Department, the Commission had waived the competitive feature of the regulations governing changes in the United States Mint and Assay Service in the case of Karl Krueger, whom it is proposed to advance from the position of Helper in the Mint at Denver to Clerk in that institution.

Please accept my appreciation of your courtesy in this matter.

Yours very truly,

Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 20, 1919.

Mr. Fred. Hardesty,
International Nickel Co.,
Com'l. National Bank Bldg.,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I beg to confirm telephone communication of this day accepting your offer to deliver 20,000 pounds Shot Nickel, price of 41-1/2¢ per pound, to the Mint Building, San Francisco, Calif. Immediate shipment.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 20, 1919.

Clendenin Bros.,
Clendenin Bldg.,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to advise that your offer to supply 20,000 pounds of nickel to the United States Mint at San Francisco is respectfully declined, a lower bid having been received.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 20, 1919.

Mrs. W. H. Patteson,
435 W. Washington St.,
Petersburg, Virginia.

Madam:-

Replying to your letter of the 18th inst., I beg to advise that silver in the form of scrap, etc., is purchased by the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York in quantities approximating in value $100.00 and over, and is paid for by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Nominal charges are deducted from the value of the deposit for determining the same by melt and assay.

Silver is paid for at the market price of that metal on the day the deposit is received.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 20, 1919.

Phya Prabha Karavongse,
Envoy Extraordinary and
Minister Plenipotentiary,
Siamese Legation,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have the honor to enclose herewith the account of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia covering the cost of the manufacture of 4,825,000 bronze One Stang pieces, together with the kegs for packing, amounting to $16,893.55.

The Superintendent states that this consignment will be ready for delivery on Nov. 24th.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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enclosure.

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Nov. 20, 1919.

Mercantile Bank of the Americas,
44 Pine Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 18th relative to proposed coinage for Nicaragua. Up to the present date no application has been received from the State Department, but we presume that that formality will be complied with in due course.

It will be impossible for us to undertake any foreign coinage until after the opening of the coming calendar year. The metal required would have to be delivered to the Mint at Philadelphia. It is probable that the coinage could not be undertaken until sometime in February or March.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 20, 1919.

Hon. George W. Norris,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Norris:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of Nov. 20th and regret to advise that we have not a copy of the book entitled "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint at Philadelphia".

This book is sold for $1.00 a copy by the Superintendent of Documents and we have been given no supply for gratuitous distribution, otherwise I would take pleasure in forwarding a copy.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 22, 1919.

United Metals Selling Co.,
42 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to confirm telegram of yesterday, which read as follows:-

"Your offer forty tons copper low-bridge ingots nineteen seven eights cents delivery Mint Denver accepted".

I am enclosing herewith a formal voucher on which it is requested that you render your account to the Superintendent of the United States Mint Denver.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Enclosure.

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Nov. 22, 1919.

Clendenin Bros.,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to advise that your offer to supply forty tons of electrolytic copper in low-bridge ingots to the United States Mint at Denver is respectfully declined, a lower bid having been received.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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Nov. 22, 1919.

American Railway Express Co.,
119 West 19th Street,
New York, New York.

Gentlemen:-

Herewith I am enclosing your bill No. B/8/331, in amount $9.53, with request that the charges on the last item, transportation of silver coin from San Francisco to Philadelphia, be imposed at the special rate of $7.73 per thousand dollars, given in your communication of March 15, 1917. At this rate the charge on this item would be $3.20 instead of $4.82 as carried by this bill.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L
Encl.

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Nov. 22, 1919.

Dr. A. B. Howatt,
31 N. State St.,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:-

I beg to advise you that the United States Assay Offices and Mints receive dental scrap in quantities approximating $100.00 in value and over, and pay for the gold and silver content.

The Government does not purchase platinum. Gold is paid for at $20.67 an ounce, and silver at the market price of silver on the day the deposit is made.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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Director of the Mint.

"Minor Coinage Metal Fund, Mint at San Francisco.

The International Nickel Co.,

Com'l. National Bank Bldg., Wash.D.C.

November 22nd 9.

United States Mint Building, San Francisco, Calif.

20,000 pounds Shot Nickel 20,000 lb. .41½

M. M. O'Reel

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 22, 1919.

Dr. George F. Kunz,
405 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Kunz:-

Your letter reached Mr. Baker's desk when he was absent from the city. Mr. Baker will not return to his desk until the week after next.

In the meantime your letter has been forwarded to Philadelphia and the Superintendent of the Mint requested to make an estimate of the cost of preparing gold discs such as you describe, and also the cost of making copper discs in replica for the gold ones, to be kept as a matter of record.

If it is practicable for the Philadelphia Mint to manufacture the discs you describe, I will advise you.

Yours very truly,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 22, 1919.

Fraternity Jewelry Mfg. Co.,
223 First Avenue,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of Nov. 19th, I beg to advise that there is at present no law which prohibits the use of coins in the industrial arts.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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Nov. 22, 1919.

Dr. Wm. B. Ely,
Ainsworth, Nebr.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of Nov. 19th, I take pleasure in forwarding under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint, covering statistics on the production and use of silver.

The institutions of the Mint Service follow the daily papers for information as to the market price of silver, which, as you know, fluctuates the same as any other commodity.

Respectfully,

M M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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Nov. 22, 1919.

Prof. W. C. Fisher,
New York University,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of November 21st, I beg to advise you that the term "silver bullion" applies to the stock of metal, held in the Mints, to be used for coinage purposes.

Gold bullion is held in the form of bars and certificates issued against the same, in accordance with the Act of March, 1911.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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Nov. 22, 1919.

Mr. Emil Rehorek,
1809 So. Crawford Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of November 20th, I beg to advise that there is no penalty attached to the total destruction of coin for use in the arts.

Penalty attaches to the mutilation of coins with the intent to defraud by re-storing such coins to circulation.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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Director of the Mint.

"Minor Coinage Metal Fund, Mint at Denver 1920".

United Metals Selling Co., November 22nd 9.

42 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

United States Mint Building, Denver, Colorado.

80,000 pounds of Electrolytic Copper in the 80,000 lb. 13-7/8

from of low-bridge ingots

W. McO'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 22, 1919.

Mrs. Lizzie Strait,
R. F. D. #1,
Hart, Michigan.

Madam:-

Your letter of November 19th, enclosing a package containing a specimen of stone, has been forwarded to the Smithsonian Institution.

The Secretary of that establishment will make further reply to you.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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Nov. 24, 1919.

Graphic News Bureau,
32 Union Square,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Your letter of Nov. 10th addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been forwarded to this Bureau for attention.

Replying I beg to advise that it would be impracticable for us to allow photographing of Mint Processes at the present time.

It is possible that such an arrangment can be made for some period after the holidays, but not before that time.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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November 24, 1919.

Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I beg to refer to letter of the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, Montana, dated August 27th, referred to you under date of October 25th requesting favorable consideration of the request of the Assayer in Charge that Mr. Wm. Hill, Chief Clerk, be allowed to occupy the building during the winter and act in the capacity of Watchman.

Will you please advise this Bureau if any objection exists for authorizing Mr. Hill to use the rooms vacated by the Internal Revenue Service for this purpose.

Respectfully,

N. Mac Ritchie

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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Nov. 25, 1919.

Schanke & Company,
Mason City, Iowa.

Gentlemen:-

Att: Mr. J. B. Graham.

I am returning herewith the quarter enclosed in your letter of November 22nd and beg to advise that it is genuine.

This worn and abraided coin would be redeemed by the Treasury Department at its face value, if presented.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.
O-L

Nov. 25, 1919.

Mr. C. M. Kerr,
53 West Market St.,
York, Pennsylvania.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of Nov. 24th, I am forwarding under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint, which will give you the amount of uncurrent coin melted by the Treasury Department during the fiscal year 1918.

The Government does not seggregate the number of coins melted on account of reduction in weight from abrasion.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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Nov. 25, 1919.

Mr. W. H. Hannah,
Gen-Del,
Kansas City, Mo.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of November 21st, I regret to advise you that I am unable to assist you in identifying the whereabouts of the coin you describe as having been lost. The Department has no record of the transaction.

Respectfully,

B. McRidle

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

Nov. 25, 1919.

Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of Nov. 24th relative to the present value of the silver dollar.

The Treasury Department will pay out silver dollars, upon request, on presentation of silver certificates.

No new policy has been inaugurated by the Department in regard to the silver situation up to the present time.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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Nov. 25, 1919.

John C. Dettra & Co. Inc.,
Oaks Montgomery County,
Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of Nov. 24th, and have noted that you wish to be advised in case any of the institutions of the Mint Service are in the market for flags.

Respectfully,

W. McPhail

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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Nov. 25, 1919.

Mr. S. B. Taylor,
Jefferson, S. C.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of November 25th, I beg to advise that there is no instrument known to science that will discover buried treasure.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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Nov. 25, 1919.

Hoquian Commercial Club,
Hoquian, Washington.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your courteous letter of November 20th and beg to advise that your name has been placed on our mailing list to receive the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

M. McReill,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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Nov. 25, 1919.

Mr. James D. Armour,
142 La Belle St.,
Pittsburg, Pa.

Sir:-

You have been certified by the Civil Service Commission as eligible for the position of assistant in the laboratory of this Bureau. The main work of the position is assaying gold bullion and silver coins, but there is some miscellaneous work and considerable research work. The regular salary is $1200. per year and there is now a bonus of $20. monthly up to July 1, 1920. What the bonus may be, if any, after that date is as yet unknown.

I would thank you to inform me at your earliest convenience if you are prepared to accept this position. I am writing to some of your references and a formal appointment would have to await satsifactory replies from them.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

D-L.

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Nov. 25, 1919.

Mr. Amos Bussman,
c/o American Steel & Wire Co.,
Donora, Pa.

Sir:-

One of your former assistants, Mr. James D. Armour, has been certified by the Civil Service Commission as eligible for the position of Assistant in the Bureau laboratory. His general qualifications are sufficiently satisfactory, but owing to the nature of the work there is one point upon which especial information is desired.

This assistant must handle much gold and silver and it is essential that he be most strictly honest. I would be glad of a word or two from you regarding Mr. Armour's personal integrity.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

D-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

Nov. 25, 1919.

Prof. L. O. Grondahl,
Carnegie Inst. Technology,
Pittsburg, Pa.

Sir:-

One of your former students, Mr. James D. Armour, has been certified by the Civil Service Commission as eligible for the position of Assistant in the Bureau laboratory. His general qualifications are sufficiently satisfactory, but owing to the nature of the work there is one point upon which especial information is desired.

This assistant must handle much gold and silver and it is essential that he be most strictly honest. I would be glad of a word or two from you regarding Mr. Armour's personal integrity.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

D-L

Nov. 26, 1919.

Equitable Trust Co.,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your telegram of Nov. 24th, to which reply was made on same day, I beg to now submit the following estimate on the manufacture of certain silver coins for the French Government:-

10-cent silver pieces

30,000,000 pieces, coinage costs $2.25 per 1000 pcs. Diameter 19 m.m., weight 3 grams; tolerance (if same as U.S. coins) 1.50 grains per piece above or below standard weight; composition 4/10 silver and 6/10 copper. Metal required- 1,157,400 ozs. of silver (1000 fine) and 1,736,100 troy ounces of electrolytic copper (99.90 copper content.)

20-cent silver pieces

10,000,000 pieces, coinage costs $4.00 per 1000 pcs. Diameter 26 m.m., weight 6 grams; tolerance (if same as U.S. coins) 1.50 grains per piece above or below standard weight; composition 4/10 silver and 6/10 copper. Metal required- 771,600 ounces fine silver (1000 fine) and 1,157,400 troy ounces of electrolytic copper (99.90 copper contents.)

It has been the practice heretofore to include in our estimates of coinage costs for silver coins the cost of the copper required for alloy, but in these estimates that rule has not been followed because the weight of the base content in the coins (which without definite informations is believed to be copper) predominate over the silver content. It will therefore be necessary for the French Government to furnish the copper alloy as well as the silver required in the coinage.

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master
If the/dies are furnished, as it is understood they will be, the coinage costs will include the working dies.

Kegs or boxes for shipping the coin will be extra.

From the information at hand I am not certain as to the tolerance of these coins, but that is not material at this time in estimating the coinage costs and metal required in the coinage.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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Nov. 26, 1919.

Benj. L. McFadden, Pres.,
Mason County Bank,
Havana, Illinois.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of November 22nd, I beg to advise you that there is now no penalty attached to the melting of gold or silver coins of the United States.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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Nov. 26, 1919.

Mr. Homer Hoyt,
Delaware College,
Newark, Delaware.

Sir:-

Replying to your request of recent date, I am forwarding under separate cover copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1918, and have placed your name on the mailing list for the forthcoming report of the Director of the Mint for 1919. This report covers the statistics for the World's Production of Gold and Silver.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Nov. 28, 1919.

Auditor for the
Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Replying to your inquiry of the 25th inst. concerning C.B. & Q.Railroad claim, No. 23437, I beg to advise there has been covered into the Treasury by CD No. 456, dated May 27, 1919, the sum of $169.60, covering the breakage noted on back of Bill of Lading attached to the claim above mentioned.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

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Nov. 29, 1919.

Clendenin Bros.,
Clendenin Bldg.,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to advsie that your offer to supply forty tons of electrolytic copper ingots to the United States Mint at Denver is respectfully declined, a lower bid having been received.

Thanking you for your prompt attention to our request for a bid, I am

Very truly yours,

W. M. Scott

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

Nov. 29, 1919.

American Metal Co.,
61 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to advise that your offer to supply forty tons of electrolytic copper ingots to the United States Mint at Denver is respectfully declined, a lower bid having been received.

Thanking you for your prompt attention to our request for a bid, I am

Very truly yours.

B. M. O'Neill,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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Nov. 29, 1910.

United Metals Selling Co.,
42 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to confirm telegram of today which reads as follows:-

"Your offer forty tons electrolytic copper ingots delivery Mint Denver seventeen seven eights accepted".

I am enclosing herewith a formal voucher on which it is requested that you render your account to the Superintendent of the United States Mint, Denver, Colorado.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 29, 1919.

Hon. George W. Norris,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Norris:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of Nov. 25th, returning letter addressed to the "Assayer in Charge, United States Assay Office, Seattle", through error sent under cover to your office.

I am enclosing a duplicate of the letter written to you in reply to yours of November 20th.

Regretting the delay which is occasioned by this mistake and thanking you for calling our attention to it, I am

Yours very truly,

W. Woodin

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.
O-L

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Nov. 29, 1919.

Mr. R. H. McMillen,
Crescent Steel Works,
Pittsburg, Pa.

Sir:-

One of your former assistants, Mr. Ernest L. Robinson, has been certified by the Civil Service Commission as eligible for the position of Assistant in the Bureau laboratory. His general qualifications are sufficiently satisfactory, but owing to the nature of the work there is one point upon which especial information is desired.

This assistant must handle much gold and silver and it is essential that he be most strictly honest. I would be glad of a word or two from you regarding Mr. Robinson's personal integrity.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

D-L

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November 29, 1919.

Mr. Ernest L. Robinson,
330 College Avenue,
Grove City, Pa.

Sir:-

You have been certified by the Civil Service Commission as eligible for the position of assistant in the laboratory of this Bureau. The main work of the position is assaying gold bullion and silver coins, but there is some miscellaneous work and considerable research work. The regular salary is $1,200.00 per year and there is now a bonus of $20.00 monthly up to July 1, 1920. What the bonus may be, if any, after that date is as yet unknown.

I would thank you to inform me at your earliest convenience if you are prepared to accept this position. I am writing to some of your references and a formal appointment would have to await satisfactory replies from them.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

D-L

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Nov. 29, 1919.

Dr. C. J. Stephen,
Grove City College,
Grove City, Pa.

Sir:-

One of your former students, Mr. Ernest L. Robinson, has been certified by the Civil Service Commission as eligible for the position of Assistant in the Bureau laboratory. His general qualifications are sufficiently satisfactory, but owing to the nature of the work there is one point upon which especial information is desired.

This assistant must handle much gold and silver and it is essential that he be most strictly honest. I would be glad of a word or two from you regarding Mr. Robinson's personal integrity.

Respectfully,

R. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 29, 1919.

Cashier,
Citizens National Bank,
Sisseton, So. Dakota.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of November 25th, I beg to advise that no $2.50 gold pieces have been coined since 1915.

No $1.00 gold pieces, of the regular issue, have been coined since 1889.

Respectfully,

Wm. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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Nov. 29, 1919.

Mrs. Anna M. Griggs,
116 N 18th Avenue,
Phoenix, Arizona.

Madam:-

Replying to your letter of November 24th, I beg to advise that there is no objection to having the colonial script, a sketch of which is enclosed in your letter, illustrated.

I am unable to advise you of its value.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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Dr. J. E. Engstad,
First National Bank Bldg.,
Grand Forks, N. D.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of Nov. 23rd, I beg to advise that this Government sold to the Government of Great Britian approximately two hundred million ounces of fine silver, the greater part of which it is understood was exported to India.

The silver was sold under the authority of the Act of April 23, 1918.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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Nov. 29, 1919.

Farmers National Bank,
Hutchinson, Minn.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of November 26th, I beg to advise that there is no law to prevent the melting down of standard silver dollars.

The Trading With The Enemy Act provides that the President may prohibit the export, hoarding or melting of coin or bullion. Up to the present time no action has been taken.

The Department is following the silver situation and should any new policy be adopted, prompt and wide publicity will be given the same.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

November 29, 1919.

Mr. John D. Costello,
Secretary to Hon. J.D.Phelan,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Costello:-

In the absence of Director Baker, I beg to submit the following in regard to the letter enclosed by you, received from Wildberg Bros., Pacific Building, San Francisco, California, relative to payments required by the Mint for fine gold bars:-

The Act of March 3, 1901 provides that -

"The superintendent of the coinage mints and of the United States Assay Office at New York may, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, but not otherwise, receive United States gold coin from any holder thereof in sums of not less than five thousand dollars, and pay and deliver in exchange therefor gold bars in value equaling such coin so received."

It will be apparent to you that the law requires us to receive in exchange for gold bars either gold coin or its equivalent, gold certificates.

Yours very truly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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Nov. 29, 1919.

M. C. Lilley & Co.,
Columbus, Ohio.

Gentlemen:- Metal Department.

Replying to your letter of Nov. 26th, I beg to state that there is no law which prohibits the destruction of coins for use in the arts.

The "Trading with the Enemy" Act provides that the President may prevent the hoarding, export or melting of coin or bullion.

As yet no new policy has been adopted by this Department.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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Nov. 29, 1919.

Dear Dr. Kunz:-

I have today received from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia the enclosed letter, which may be of interest to you. It need not be returned.

Your letter of the 26th I am holding on my desk to take up with the Director as soon as he returns to Washington next week.

As soon as it possible I will request him to advise you in regard to the exhibition of coinage during the Pan American Conference in January, and also in regard to Dr. Comparette's services.

I know it will be a pleasure for the Director to co-operate with you in every way.

Yours very truly,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Dr. George F. Kunz,
405-5th Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

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Nov. 29, 1919.

Prof. J. Pease Norton,
460 Ocean Ave.,
West Haven, Conn.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of Nov. 27th, I take pleasure in forwarding under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1919, just issued.

I regret that the Department does not publish any pamphlet covering foreign exchange.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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November 29, 1919.

The John C. Winston Co.,
1006-16 Arch Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of Nov. 28th, I beg to suggest that you consult the United States Attorny for your District in regard to reproducing prints of coins. That officer would be the one who would prosecute in case of any infraction of the law.

Replying to that part of your letter which requests that pictures be taken of some of the machinery employed in Mint Processes, I beg to state that it would be impracticable for us to authorize the photographing of the same at the present time for the reason that we are too crowded with orders to permit the slightest interruption. It is possible that after the holidays it could be arranged to have the photographs taken of certain processes, should you desire to follow this matter further.

We have no pictures for distribution. Photographs would have to be taken without expense to the Government.

Respectfully,

M. Mc Reed

Acting Director of the Mint.

C-L

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Nov. 29, 1919.

Charms Co.,
Broad & Lafayette Sts.,
Newark, New Jersey.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of Nov. 28th, I beg to advise you that no legislation has been introduced providing for the manufacture of a seven cent piece.

Respectfully,

W. M. Reed

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

Nov. 29, 1919.

Mr. H. D. Brown, Chief,
Bureau of Efficiency,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of Nov. 25th requesting additional information to that forwarded under date of Nov. 22nd, I am enclosing herewith blanks, filled out, covering the several activities of this Bureau and trust the information is that which you seek.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Enclosures.

November 29, 1919.

Underwood Typewriter Co.,
1413 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:-

Referring to your letter of Nov. 19th, relative to your account stated to be due from the United States Assay Office at Deadwood for a machine delivered to that office in July of this year, I beg to state that your letter was forwarded to the Deadwood Assay Office and the following reply has this day been received from the Assayer in Charge:-

"Deadwood, So. Dakota,
November 24, 1919.

Director of the Mint,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am enclosing the correspondence with reference to the Underwood typewriter forwarded to this office for report on Nov. 19th.

The machine arrived in an unsatisfactory condition and in view of the fact that the Underwood representative here, Mr. Baker, has been in our office numerous times before the arrival of the machine we simply informed the Omaha office of its unsatisfactory condition and told them that their representative could probably adjust it when he was again in our city. Mr. Baker failed to show up in due course and inquiry developed the fact that he had been taken off this territory but that if we would send in the machine they would adjust it there and return it to us. We sent in the machine on Oct. 11th but it has not been returned at this time.

When a machine is received in a satisfactory condition we will promptly make payment for same.

Respectfully,
(Sgd.) James E. Russell
Assayer in Charge."

Yours truly,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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December 1, 1919.

T. B. Nagatoz & Son,
709 Samson Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of November 28th, addressed to the "Sub-Treasury, Philadelphia", and referred by that institution to this Bureau, I beg to advise that there is now no law which prohibits the total destruction of coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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December 1, 1919.

Gilfillan Bros.
Smelting & Refining Co.,
217½ West 6th Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Gentlemen:

Att: Mr Hannum.

Replying to your letter of November 24th, I beg to advise that there is now no law which prohibits the total destruction of coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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December 2, 1919.

Mr. John J. Bennetts,
Box 70, Orion, Mich.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of November 28th, I beg to advise you that the United States Mint at Denver will receive silver bullion but not silver ore.

I am unable to advise you where you can dispose of specimens of silver ore.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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December 2, 1919.

Miss H. Pauline Patch,
Box 325, Keene,
New Hampshire.

Madam:-

Replying to your letter of recent date, I beg to advise that if you will forward the gold bracelets described therein to the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York, that officer will make payment for the same by check on the Treasurer of the United States, after nominal charges for determining the value of the deposit have been deducted from the same.

Gold is paid for at the rate of $20.67 an ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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December 2, 1919.

Mr. C. P. Nowlin,
223 West 3rd Street,
Wichita, Kansas.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of November 29th, I beg to advise that we do not handle or assay diamonds.

Regretting that we cannot be of assistant to you, I am

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

December 1, 1919.

Mr. M. W. Frix,
Soddy, Tenn.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of Nov. 25th, I beg to state that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made for the public. The nearest place to you would be New Orleans, La.

The package forwarded by you to this Bureau will be held here awaiting your instructions. It could be returned to you by express collect. We have no fund from which to prepay the charges.

May I suggest that if you have some of this material on hand it might be less expensive for you to send another sample to the United States Mint at New Orleans. The charge for assaying for gold and silver is $1.00. This charge we are required to collect previous to making test.

I am enclosing a card, a copy of which has already been sent you, calling attention to the places at which assays of ore are made and the charges imposed.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

C-L

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December 2, 1919.

Prof. Charles J. Bullock,
Harvard University,
Wadsworth House,
Cambridge, Mass.

Sir:-

In response to your request, of November 29th, I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1919.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

Report forwarded
under separate cover.

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December 2, 1919.

Equitable Trust Co.,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your telegrams of Dec. 1st and 2nd. The information you ask for is being compiled and as soon as received will be forwarded to you.

Your telegram of the 1st was understood in this Bureau, notwithstanding the error in transmittal in regard to the word "hold", and occasioned no delay in placing this inquiry on foot.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 2, 1919.

Supt. of Documents,
Government Printing Office,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Upon receipt hereof will you please forward to this Bureau fifty copies of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1919, as we are in urgent need of these copies.

I will appreciate your prompt attention to this request.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-I.

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December 3, 1919.

Mr. John R. Finch,
c/o John R. Cowley & Bro.,
Eslava Street,
Mobile, Alabama.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 1st and the box mentioned therein, forwarded by parcel post, said to contain old silver.

Your letter together with the box has been forwarded to the Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, and that officer will remit to you the value of the silver content.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

December 3, 1919.

Chief Clerk,
Department of Justice,
Office of the Solicitor
of the Treasury, Wash.D.C.

Sir:-

I am returning herewith the bond of Theodore A. Clack, sent to this office on November 26th because of insufficient revenue stamps. The required stamphas been attached.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.
O-L

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December 4, 1919.

United Metals Selling Co.,
42 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

I am enclosing herewith confirmation of telegram sent you today.

The Superintendent of the Mint at Denver has been advised that owing to your inability to furnish the special size ingots required, your offer of ingots of the regular size has been accepted.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.
C-L

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December 3, 1919.

Clendenin Bros.,
Clendenin Bldg.,
Baltimore, Md.

Sir:-

I beg to confirm telephone conversation of this date accepting your bid on 50,000 Lbs. of electrolytic copper at 18½¢ per pound, delivered to the Mint at San Francisco. It is understood that this shipment will be made within a short time from Takoma.

Thanking you for the tender of this copper. I am

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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December 4, 1919.

American Metal Co.,
61 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

Please accept my thanks for the information contained in letter of your Commercial Accounting Department, dated the second instant, as to production of gold and silver during the calendar year 1919.

It is noted that you have not given the figures as to material received from other works, for the reason that you fear in filling out the blanks there would be duplication in our reports. Probably the refineries mentioned by you will report receipt of material from you, and unless we have the source of your material we will be unable to accurately trace the material back to the states in which it was actually mined. A large part of the work of making the annual estimates consists in tracing the fine gold and silver back through the various works handling it, to the states in which produced, and in eliminating duplications; and for this reason I am returning herewith the blanks forwarded with my letter of Nov. 26th with request that you kindly indicate thereon the information called for.

I note your kind offer to render any assistance possible and beg to express my appreciation of your cooperation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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December 4, 1919.

Commonwealth Bureau of
Census and Statistics,
Melbourne, Australia.

Gentlemen:-

In reply to the inquiry of the Commonwealth Statistician, dated October 15, 1919, I beg to forward herewith copy of estimate of the Production of Gold and Silver in the United States during the calendar year 1918, and to state that the figures carried by your production compilation No. 12 for the ten years, 1907-17, appear to be correct.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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December 4, 1919.

Dear, Sondheimer & Co., Inc.
61 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Please accept my thanks for the information accompanying your letter of the 1st inst., concerning your production of gold and silver during the calendar year 1919.

Will you kindly advise me as to the names of the smelting works from which zinc residues were received, giving quantity of gold and silver contained in the residues received from each smelting works. This information will aid materially in tracing the material.

It is noted from reference to your 1918 report that the most of the material received during that year came from the National Zinc Company and the Clarksburg Clinkering Company.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

December 5, 1919.

Mrs. Bertie Emery,
289 Castro Street,
San Francisco, Calif.

Madam:-

Replying to your letter of November 29th, addressed to the Treasurer of the United States and by him referred to this Bureau, I beg to advise you that the issue of a coin of another denomination than those now in circulation would require an Act of Congress.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker.

Director of the Mint.

OR

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

December 6, 1919.

Mr. George A. Chults,
P. O. Box 36,
Jamesburg, N.J.

Sir:-

Your letter of December 3rd written to the United States Treasury Department has been referred to this Bureau.

The balance of trade effects the exchange on different countries. This accounts for the item which indicates the amount of goods which may be purchased in China with our gold. The intrinsic value of our gold dollar has not diminished.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

December 8, 1919.

Auditor, Atchison, Topeka
& Santa Fe R.R., Coast Lines,
Los Angeles, California.

Sirs,-

Replying to your inquiries of Nov. 29th, Nos. 1250 -5791, 5792 and 5795, will state that the bills in question were forwarded to the Auditor for the Treasury Department on June 7, 1919, for settlement.

The Auditor's office is very much behind with its work, but is settling claims in the order in which they are received, and you will doubtless receive notice of settlement in due time.

Respectfully,

R. McReely

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

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December 9, 1919.

Mr. W. H. Hopkins,
Virgin City,
Utah.

Sir:-

I am returning herewith the package forwarded by you and regret to advise you that the material is antimony and not silver, and therefore the Mint cannot handle it.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.
O-L

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December 9, 1919.

Mr. T. M. Strew,
Box 47,
Bushnell, Ill.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of December 8th, I beg to advise you that foreign gold and silver coins are purchased at the Mint at bullion value, and paid for by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

The value is determined after the material has been melted and assayed.

Charges are imposed for melting the same, which are nominal.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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December 9, 1919.

Equitable Trust Co.,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

Att: E.D.Kracht.

Referring to your letter of December 5th, in which you ask for information as to the rate of delivery on silver coins, if the coinage for the French Colonies is undertaken, I beg to say that it is impossible for us to advise you in this instance. The delivery of foreign coin for any country is governed by the demands upon our mint for our own coinage at the time the coinage is being executed. Should the pressure for coinage become very great we would be obliged to reduce the output of foreign coin.

It is also impossible for us to determine the amount of our equipment which we could engage in the manufacture of foreign coins at any one time.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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December 9, 1919.

Surgeon General,
Public Health Service,
3 B Street, S.E.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Herewith find copies of correspondence concerning material purchased for masks to be used in the influenza epidemic of last year. Will you kindly advise me as to such action as may have been taken in the matter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L
Encl.

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December 9, 1919.

Mr. S. C. Herrick,
Russell, Kansas.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of December 1st, I beg to advise that the Mint purchases dental scrap and pays for the gold and silver content.

The Mint does not purchase platinum in any form.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

December 9, 1919.

Mr. Willis Myers,
Sweet Valley,
Pa.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of recent date, I beg to advise you that the Mint does not purchase tin in small quantities.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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December 9, 1919.

Mr. D. Druckermiller,
R.F.D. #2, Box 43,
Mertztown, Pa.

Sir:-

Replying to your card of the 3rd inst., you are advised that there are two types of quarter dollars.

The die of the first design was slightly altered to improve the artistic merit of the coin.

Those with the stars under the eagle are the only type now being coined. Both are legal.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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December 9, 1913.

Mr. E. Y. Davidson,
Lonoke, Arkansas.

Sir:-

I am returning herewith the coin enclosed in your letter of December 4th, and beg to advise you that the same is a one cent piece of the type issued during the period 1856 to 1859.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

December 9, 1919.

Mr. Perry D. Tarte,
1436 Hagert St.,
N. Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of December 6th, I beg to advise that all positions in the Mint Service are subject to Civil Service Examination.

We are without authority to make appointments accept from among those who have passed the Civil Service Examinations.

I would suggest that you confer with the District Secretary of the Civil Service Commission, who is located at Philadelphia, for information as to examinations to be given.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

C-L

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December 9, 1919.

Hon. Harry L. Gandy,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Gandy:-

Your letter of December 3rd, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

I have taken pleasure in today forwarding to Mr. W. S. Elder of Deadwood, South Dakota, a copy of the report made by the Committee appointed by Ex-Secretary McAdoo to investigate gold mining conditions.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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December 9, 1919.

Mr. B. F. Hodges,
Havana, Arkansas.

Sir:-

I am returning herewith the package forwarded by you under recent date, and beg to advise that you forward the same to the Assayer in Charge of the United States Mint at New Orleans, stating what metals you wish determined, as well as enclosing a money order to cover the charges therefor, the amount of which may be ascertained from the enclosed card which gives the cost of assaying various metals.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosures.
O-L

December 9, 1919.

Rochester Laboratory Supply Co.,
64-66 Graham Street,
Rochester, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

On November 13th this Bureau ordered small crucibles, which it was understood were to be delivered within a short time.

They have not yet been received and I will be obliged if you will advise me when we may expect delivery.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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December 10, 1919.

Division of Supplies & Accounts,
Navy Department,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:-

This office is in receipt of a letter from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia stating that he can obtain from the Supply Division of the Navy Yard at Philadelphia, the following cloth materials, needed at the Mint. The Superintendent offers the following proposals covering the materials, and this letter is submitted to you for approval of the sale of this material to the Mint:-

3,000 yds. of ticking @ 28½¢ per yard.

2,000 yds. of 10 ounce burlap @ 18¢ per yard.

12,500 yds. unbleached muslin 72" wide @ 39¢ per yard.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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December 10, 1919.

American Railway Express Co.,
119 West 19th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Herewith I am returning Bill of Lading No. 164979, covering transporation of nickels from the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at Philadelphia to the Assistant Treasurer at New Orleans. This Bill of Lading covers charge of $171.85, carried on your bill No. B/10/238. This charge is not payable by the Mint Service and a separate bill should be rendered to the Treasury Department covering this item.

The amount of $171.85 has been deducted from the total of your bill B/10/238 and is leaving a net amount payable on said bill of $1693.01.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
F-L

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December 10, 1919.

Mr. Bernon A. Prentice,
Dominick & Dominick,
115 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of December 8th, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, I am enclosing herewith a copy of the report made by the Committee appointed by Ex-Secretary McAdoo on the gold industry, and trust this report will be of interest to you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

December 10, 1919.

Mr. T. S. Miller,
Flat, Texas.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of December 5th, I am enclosing herewith a circular entitled "Value of Foreign Coins".

The rate of exchange is influenced by the balance of trade between countries. This will account for the present low rate of exchange on certain countries.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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December 10, 1919.

Mr. Fred S. Hardesty,
International Nickel Co.,
Commercial Nat'l. Bank Bldg.,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I beg to confirm telephone acceptance of your offer of ten tons of shot nickel for delivery to the Denver Mint at the rate of $0.4218 per pound, immediate shipment.

Please accept my thanks for your offer in this matter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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December 10, 1919.

Goldsmith Bros. S. & R. Co.,
Heyworth Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your inquiry of the 8th inst., I beg to state that it is likely that the Annual Settlement will take place at the New York Assay Office and the Philadelphia Mint during June. It is not certain that it will be necessary for us to close down either of the institutions while the settlement is in progress.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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December 10, 1919.

Mr. Thomas E. Fagans,
Elmhurst Coal Company,
Whitney Avenue,
Elmhurst, N.Y.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of November 8th, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, I beg to advise you that no gold coins were manufactured during the year 1918, and none have been manufactured in 1919.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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December 10, 1919.

Mr. A. J. Heoppner,
Spooner, Wisconsin.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 8th instant I beg to advise you that the mints do not receive silver dollars as bullion unless they are mutilated other than by natural abrasion.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

December 11, 1919.

Mr. Achilles H. Kohn,
c/o Wollman & Wollman,
20 Broad Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of December 10th, I beg to advise you that the book entitled "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint at Philadelphia", is for sale by the Public Printer at $1.00 a copy.

I regret that we have no copies of this publication for gratuitous distribution. The book is a volume of 600 pages and has much useful information on the subject in which you are interested.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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December 11, 1919.

Mr. E. E. Lasier,
2210 Navy Building,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 10th, enclosing data covering report of the special committee representing the Materials Engineers Profession, and to say that there are no employees in this Bureau who would come under the proposed classification of Materials Engineers.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

December 11, 1919.

Mr. W. H. Hopkins,
Virgin City, Utah.

Sir:-

The Post Office has today advised this Bureau that the parcel post charges on the package forwarded by you containing antimony and weighing 16½ pounds, would be $1.92, and if it is registered ten cents in addition, making $2.02, charges to be prepaid at Washington.

The package is being held in this Bureau awaiting your instructions.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

C-L

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December 13, 1919.

Western Union Telegraph Co.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

In settlement of your account of messages transmitted during the month of November 1918 for the Office of the Director of the Mint, the Auditor for the Treasury Department has disallowed the sum of 65¢, being the difference between day and night rates on two messages, which bear designation of transmission at night rate. The messages in question are sub-voucher No. 42, dated Nov. 19, 1918, beginning "Rainey melt chimpanzee", etc., 26 words, difference disallowed 21¢. Sub-voucher No. 50, dated Nov. 20, 1918, beginning "when you will have withdrawn", etc., 98¢, difference difference disallowed 44¢. These messages were both sent to the Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint, from Washington.

Will you kindly forward to this office the sum of 65¢, or make deduction of this sum when the next bill is rendered.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

EL

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December 13, 1919.

Mr. W.R.L.Dwyer,
Lancaster, Ohio.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of December 10th offering a small quantity of platinum, I beg to advise you that the Mints do not purchase platinum.

The Government is not in the market for that metal.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

December 17, 1919.

Mr. G. E. Highley,
First Nat'l. Bank Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of December 6th, referring to a process for tempering silver, gold and copper, I beg to advise you that if the same is an adopted and regular technical operation it might possibly interest the Mint Service, but we would not be able to undertake experimenting with the same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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December 13, 1919.

Chancellor In Charge,
Salvador Consulate,
42 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of December 9th, I beg to advise you that the metal required for the coinage proposed for your Government should be furnished the United States Mint at Philadelphia early in January.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

December 13, 1913.

Clendenin Bros.,
Clendenin Bldg.,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 11th inst., advising us that copper had been shipped on the 9th and 10th to the Mint at San Francisco.

Thank you for the reassurance which this information has given us.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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December 13, 1913.

Bienenfeld Glass Works,
349-351 So. 5th Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of December 12th, relative to material you have on hand resulting from washing photo plate negative glass, I beg to suggest that you consult the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office, Wall Street, New York City. That officer will be able to advise you whether or not his office can handle the material.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

December 13, 1919.

Dr. A. A. Allen,
Colby, Kansas.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of December 10th, I beg to advise you that the Mints and Assay Offices receive gold bullion in quantities approximating in value $100.00 and over, and pay for the same by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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December 16, 1919.

R. Blackinton & Co.,
North Attleboro,
Mass.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of December 11th, I am enclosing herewith a copy of a statement given out by the Federal Reserve Board on December 6th, covering the policy of the Department in regard to silver.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

December 16, 1919.

Hon. M. P. Kinkaid,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Kinkaid:-

Your letter of December 1st to the Treasurer of the United States, concerning gold and silver production data, etc., requested by Dr. William B. Ely of Ainsworth, Nebraska, was forwarded to this office by the Treasurer for reply.

Accompanying this letter please find Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1919, also report of the United States Geological Survey covering gold and silver for the year 1917. Doubtless a perusal of these reports will provide much of the information desired by Dr. Ely.

By reference to pages 286-7 of the Report of the Director of the Mint, it will be noted that the world's estimated gold production from the discovery of America to the end of the calendar year 1918 totals something over seventeen billion dollars. Since there must have been a considerable stock of gold in the world prior to the discovery of America, and owing to the fact that gold is one of the most indestructible metals, it is probable that the world's supply in useable form at the present time may reasonably be estimated at somewhere in the neighborhood of eighteen billion dollars.

Reference to pages 277 to 283 inclusive, will show that approximately nine billion dollars of gold is used for monetary purposes, therefore the quantity of gold used in the arts and hoarded must be about one half of the present useable stock.

The world's useable stock of silver has also been estimated by economists to be in the neighborhood of the amount produced since the discovery of America, as shown on pages 286-7, in the sum of twelve billion ounces.

No recent data covering the probable consumption of gold and silver in the arts on a world basis are available, but some idea as to the amount used in the United States may be found by referring to pages 62 to 68 of the accompanying Report of the Director of the Mint.

Tables on pages 286-8 inclusive, show the world production of gold and silver, by years, since the discovery of America.

Reference is made to pages 632-33 of the Report of the United States Geological Survey for 1917, as to the ratio of gold derived from low-grade ores, and the proportion of the gold output of the United States derived as a by-product.

The results of an inquiry made in 1910-11, as to the world consumption in the arts, are recorded on page 48 et. seq. of the 1911 report of the Director of the Mint.

The cyanide process of gold extraction was introduced about 1890 and was a patented process.

Trusting that the accompanying remarks will prove useful to Dr. Ely, I am

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

F-L
Enclosures.

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December 16, 1919.

Consul General,
Salvador Consulate,
42 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

Referring to correspondence in connection with the manufacture of coinage for your Government, namely 1,492,000 one centavo pieces and 2,000,000 five centavo pieces, for which figures have been given you in regard to the amount of metal required and the costs, will you please have the usual request for the manufacture of this coinage forwarded by the representative of your Government at this capital through the State Department to this Bureau, and name the agent who is to receive the coinage, if its manufacture is formally authorized.

In connection with the metal required the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia advises me that he will be able to supply the metal from the stock on hand at the Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 16, 1919.

Minister of Nicaragua,
Nicaraguan Legation,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I have the honor to refer to your letter of November 15th addressed to the State Department, to which reply was made covering the cost of manufacturing certain coins for your Government, in which it was stated that the metal required for this coinage must be furnished to the Mint.

I am advised by the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia that it will be possible for him to supply the amount of metal required from the stock on hand at the Mint, thus saving you the necessity for making the purchase and delivering the same. If this arrangement meets with your approval will you please advise me.

I am venturing to waive the formality of addressing you through the State Department in order to save time.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

G-L

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December 17, 1919.

Mr. P. J. Brennan,
110 E. 107th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Sir;-

Replying to your letter of December 14th, you are advised that the St. Gaudens' coins were first issued in 1907.

St. Gaudens' designs are used for the twenty dollar gold piece and the ten dollar gold piece.

The five dollar gold piece was designed by Bela Pratt.

These designs are the ones which have been used continuously since. No gold coins have been manufactured since 1916.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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December 17, 1919.

Dr. William B. Ely,
Ainsworth, Nebraska.

Sir:-

Your letter of Nov. 24th reached my desk in my absence from the city. Replying to your request that if there are any errors in your statement that they be pointed out and corrected, I beg to submit the following:-

You state that "a thousand dollars in fine gold is converted into a thousand gold dollars, any expense involved in the operation being paid by the bullion owner". In this connection I beg to state that gold bullion is presented at the Mints or Assay Offices and bought at the rate of $20.67 an ounce. The bullion owner pays but a part of the expense of converting the gold into dollars. That part is borne in the form of charges which he pays to cover the cost of fitting the material for coinage purposes. The charges imposed are for melting, if the bullion requires refining or if gold must be separated from silver, also for the cost of alloy necessary to "standardize" the gold metal.

Referring to the second page of your letter in which you state that the owner must wait about six months before the coin is delivered to him, I beg to say that the practice is to pay the full value of each deposit of gold, also for the silver contained therein, less the charges previously mentioned, either by check, in coin, or in bars, at the owner's option, within a few days after the receipt of the deposit. No domestic gold coins have been made by the United States since 1916.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

December 17, 1919.

Mr. Ewing Long,
Box 574, Huntsville,
Alabama.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of December 12th, you are advised that this Bureau does not compile data covering rate of exchange on different countries.

I am unable to advise you of the highest rate the German mark reached in 1915.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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December 17, 1919.

David Potter,
Captain, S.C., U.S.Navy,
Fleet Paymaster,
U. S. Atlantic Fleet,
Navy Yard, New York.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of December 15th, I beg to advise you that this Bureau does not issue a circular showing the rate of exchange on foreign countries.

I am, however, enclosing herewith five copies of the last issue of the Value of Foreign Coins statement, which may be of interest to you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.
O-L

December 17, 1919.

Mr. T. A. Beall,
Elmore, Ohio.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of December 12th, you are advised that if you will forward a sample of the material you describe to the United States Mint at Denver, an assay for gold and silver will be made at a charge of $1.00.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

December 17, 1919.

Hon. C. R. Evans,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Evans:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 16th enclosing a letter from the Tonopah Daily Times, Tonopah, Nevada.

The Bureau of the Mint does not collect statistics from the mines. Such data is collected by the Geological Survey.

I am taking the liberty of forwarding your letter, together with the enclosure, to the Director of the United States Geological Survey, and trust he can supply the information you ask for.

With personal regards,

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

December 18, 1919.

The Mines Hand Book,
29 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

I have your letter of the 15th inst. forwarding bill for Volume 14 of the Mines Hand Book, and note your offer to furnish same at the price of $10.00, provided payment will be made in advance.

Unfortunately the Government does not permit payment for anything in advance, and I am not in position to approve the voucher for payment at the present time. However, I assure you that on receipt of Volume 14 the voucher will be placed in line for immediate settlement.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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F-L

December 18, 1919.

Mr. C. F. Wood,
540 Postal Telegraph Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of December 12th, you are advised that this Bureau does not compile data covering rate of exchange on different countries.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

December 18, 1919.

Hon. Clement Brumbaugh,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Brumbaugh:-

I have your letter of December 17th, in behalf of Dr. J. M. Henderson of Columbus, Ohio, and beg to state that I shall take pleasure in placing his name on the list of those to be considered when the time for appointments upon the Assay Commission is taken up with the Secretary for submission to the President.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

December 18, 1919.

Mr. A. S. Rutan,
10 Edmund Street,
St. Catharines,
Ontario, Canada.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of December 14th, I beg to say that the five cent nickel coins of the United States are composed of 75% copper and 25% nickel. The dime is composed of 900% fine silver and 100% copper.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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December 19, 1919.

National Surety Co.,
115 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of December 18th relative to bond No. 1393774, John H. Myer, Clerk, United States Assay Office, Boise, Idaho, I beg to state that Mr. Myer resigned Nov. 30, 1918.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

December 19, 1919.

Mr. Akira Den,
Japanese Financial Commission,
Room 1640, Woolworth Bldg.,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Responding to the request contained in your letter of the 17th inst., I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1919.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.
O-L

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN: NIGHT MESSAGE

Washington,
December 20, 1919.

Bartlesville Zinc Co., Bartlesville, Oklahoma.
Bartlesville Zinc Co., Blackwell, Oklahoma.
Goldsmith Bros., Heyworth Bldg., Chicago, Oklahoma.
Mamoth Copper Mining Co., Kennett, Calif.
River Smelting & Refining Co., 722 Chestnut St., St. Louis, Mo.

Referring my letter November twenty sixth concerning production gold and silver nineteen nineteen if data will not reach Washington by mail before twenty eight instant please wire it collect.

Baker

Director Mint.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1920.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ---------- The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2122.
2—5738

December 20, 1919.

Foreign Exchange Dept.,
National City Bank,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Herewith find copies of Treasury Department circular "Value of Foreign Coins", dated October 1, 1919, with our usual request that you kindly continue your service of amending the "remarks column" to bring it down to date.

Will you kindly have such amendment reach Washington by the 29th inst., in order that it may be available for use in time to amend circular, which goes to press on that date.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.
F-L

December 20, 1919.

Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R.,
Auditing Department,
547 West Jackson Blvd.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:-

Herewith I am returning your letters, files TB-754 and 758, carrying notations to the effect that the accounts mentioned were settled by the Auditor for the Treasury Department on December 5, 1919, settlement No. 2780, said settlement also including other bills noted on your letter, file TB-754.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L
Encl.

December 20, 1919.

Asst. Federal Treasurer,
Pennsylvania Railroad,
Eastern Lines,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

With reference to your I-C File No. 6093, requesting information as to the status of certain open accounts against this office, I beg to advise that none of the accounts mentioned have been settled to date.

The Auditor's Office is very much behind with its work, but is settling claims in the order in which they are received and you will doubtless receive notice of settlement in due time.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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December 20, 1919.

Citizens Bank of Wakita,
Wakita, Oklahoma.

Gentlemen:-

Your letter of the 13th inst., addressed to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, has been forwarded to this office for attention. Replying I beg to advise you that the medal described by you is one of the series known as Presidential Medals, copies of which may be purchased at the Philadelphia Mint in bronze at $1.00, and in silver at a price in accordance with the value of silver at the time the medal is made.

The dies of this medal are in the Mint at Philadelphia. The reverse described by you was used for all of the Presidential Medals struck previous to July 1846.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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December 20, 1919.

Mr. Wm. E. Keily,
72 West Adams St.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of December 18th, relative to the issue of new coins, I beg to state that an Act of Congress would be required to authorize the manufacture of coins of another denomination than those now in circulation.

The Department has made no recommendation to Congress in this connection.

For reply as to your suggestions in regard to paper money your letter has been referred to the Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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December 20, 1919.

Hon. Alvan T. Fuller,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Fuller:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of Dec. 19th relative to purchasing a series of war medals.

War medals owned by the Government have been purchased for exhibition in the United States Mint at Philadelphia. They were procured from a coin and medal dealer in Amsterdam.

I am today forwarding your letter to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia for reference to the Curator of the Mint with instructions to advise you as to the most expeditious manner in which to procure the medals you desire.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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December 19, 1919.

Hon. Charles A. Mooney,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Mooney:-

Replying to your letter of December 1st, I beg to advise you that it is very difficult to clean gilded wood letters without damaging the gilding. With great care and attention it might be done with turpentine. If the object is simply to brighten the letters it would be much better to regild them. If the object is to recover the gold it is not worth while on account of the extreme thinness of gold leaf.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

D-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

December 22, 1919.

Mr. W. H. Allison,
67 West Fort Street,
Detroit, Michigan.

Sir:

Responding to your request addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury I am enclosing herewith a copy of the Circular "Value of Foreign Coins". This circular is issued quarterly. I am not aware of any weekly circular issued by the Department covering exchange.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 27, 1919.

Mr. J. Zimmermann,
1102 E. Washington, Dt.,
Indianapolis, Ind.

Sir:

The package forwarded by you has been sent to the United States Assay Office, New York City, and the Superintendent of that institution requested to forward to you the value of the gold and silver contained in your deposit. There is no place in Washington where such material is received by the Government.

The Assay Offices are not obliged to receive deposits which do not contain approximately $100 in value. In this case, however, the Superintendent of the New York Office will be asked to receive your deposit.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 27, 1919.

Hon. Louis T. McFadden,
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In the absence of the Director I beg to reply to your inquiries of the 24th instant relative to silver:-

	Silver Purchased Fine Ounces.	Cost.
Act of Feb. 28, 1878, ----	291,272,018.56	$308,279,260.71
Act of July 14, 1890, ----	168,674,682.53	155,931,002.25

Act of April 23, 1918:

Number of dollars melted ---$260,121,554.00
Fine Ounces resulting ------ 200,805,323.53

Of the above number of silver dollars melted under the authority of the Act of April 23, 1918, (the Pittman Act) $259,121,554 were melted and sold to the British; One million were delivered to the Director of the Mint and used for subsidiary coinage.

Amount received for the 200,032,326.646 fine ounces sold to the British ----------$203,370,541.63

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 27, 1919.

Professor William McPherson,
Ohio State University,
Columbus, Ohio.

Sir:

One of your former students, Mr. Harold J. Wenger, Columbus, Ohio. has been certified by the U. S. Civil Service Commission as eligible for the position of Assistant in the Bureau laboratory. His general qualifications are sufficiently satisfactory, but owing to the nature of the work there is one point upon which especial information is desired.

This assistant must handle much gold and silver and it is essential that he be most strictly honest. I would be glad of a word or two from you regarding Mr. Wengel's personal integrity.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

FPD.

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

December 27, 1919.

Mr. William L. Arnett
Rear 211 Neilston Street,
Columbus, Ohio.

Sir:

One of your former assistants. Mr. Harold J. Wenger, has been certified by the U. S. Civil Service Commission as eligible for the position of Assistant in the Bureau laboratory. His general qualifications are sufficiently satisfactory, but owing to the nature of the work there is one point upon which especial information is desired.

This assistant must handle much gold and silver and it is essential that he be most strictly honest. I would be glad of a word or two from you regarding Mr. Wengel's personal integrity.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

FPD.

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

December 27, 1919.

Mr. Harold J. Wenger,
316 W 3rd Avenue,
Columbus, Ohio.

Sir:

You have been certified by the U. S. Civil Service Commission as eligible for the position of Assistant in the laboratory of this Bureau. The main work of the position is assaying gold bullion and silver coins, but there is some miscellaneous work and considerable research work. The regular salary is $1,200 per year and there is now a bonus of $20 monthly up to July 1st, 1920. What the bonus may be, if any, after that date is as yet unknown.

I would thank you to inform me at your earliest convenience if you are prepared to accept this position. I am writing to some of your references and a formal appointment would have to await satisfactory replies from them.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

FPD.

RG104 E-235 Vol 425

Dec. 29, 1919.

Clarksburg Clinkering Co.,

New York City.

Gentlemen:

Please accept my thanks for your letter of the 27th instant, with information as to the source and disposition of material handled by you containing gold and silver. This information is of material value to me because other firms report receipt from you of material containing gold and silver; and unless information from you is available as to the source of your material I am unable to trace the completed, refined product back to the states in which it was mined.

I trust this will make clear our need for the information annually requested from you, and that you will kindly continue to favor us with your cooperation.

Assuring you of my appreciation of your help, I am

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.